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PSL debut for super goalie



Victorian and South Australian representative goalkeeper Yakka Banovic (right) signs on the dotted line for Heidelberg president Jim Mangopoulos. "Nees Kosmos" picture.

It's been a hectic and exciting week for star goalkeeper Yakka Banovic.

On Friday night he played for Essendon Croatia in its 2-0 win over Frankston City in the Victorian Ampol Cup. That night, Heidelberg Utd (Fitzroy) president Jim Mangopoulos was negotiating with Croatia officials for the transfer of Banovic, rated by some as Australia's top goalkeeper.

The transfer was finalised on Saturday afternoon when Heidelberg released goalkeeper Peter Blasby to Croatia as part payment for Banovic. Croatia is to receive a cash sum believed to be in the region of \$15,000.

Banovic met his new team mates during a training session on Saturday afternoon as Heidelberg prepared for its PSL kick off against St George at Olympic Park on Monday.

Banovic will make his debut in the Philips League against Footscray on Sunday, thus kicking off a second phase in a brilliant career which could lead to him representing Australia.

Neither Heidelberg nor Essendon would divulge the exact amount of the transfer fee, but early last week Croatia manager Frank Burin said his club had placed a \$20,000 fee on Banovic's head.

Heidelberg valued Blasby at \$4,500, so presumably the difference would be made up in cash.

Heidelberg originally wanted to trade Blasby, Mike Micevski and another player for Banovic, but Croatia rejected this offer.



Who's that with St George captain George Harris?

Why, it's Captain Cook, all dressed up in uniform and, can it be - carrying a soccer ball (!)

Turn to page 3 to find out how the Captain was recruited to soccer. Picture by ALEX VESIC.

van Rijn
replaced

National coach Rudi Gutendorf has replaced Peter van Rijn, the long-serving manager of the Socceroos, with Ljubo Gokovic of Sydney Olympic.

This follows a row between Gutendorf and van Rijn during the Australian under 19 team's visit to Paraguay recently. - ALEX VESIC.

Footscray may visit Yugoslavia

Footscray J.U.S.T. has had an invitation to tour Yugoslavia. If all goes well, the tour will take place in November.

The invitation comes from the Yugoslav semi-government organisation Matica Iseljnika, which means expatriates organisation.

Footscray's sponsor, Yugoslav Airlines, is keen for the club to accept the invitation.

One of the tour games would be against Vardar Skopje, which visited Australia late last year.

Red Star Belgrade may also play against the tourists.

Footscray president Tony Kovac is in touch with the Yugoslav authorities, talking about financial arrangements for the tour.

TV AXED: WHAT NEXT?

The 0-10 television network dropped soccer last week, casting a shadow of uncertainty over the future of the Philips League.

Commercial sponsorship is tied in closely with television exposure. Without such exposure, the league and its clubs may lose financial backing.

PSL chairman Sam Papasavas is still fuming over the way the 0-10 network withdrew from soccer only days before the 1979 season kicked off.

However, he said he was confident that another network would take soccer in 1980.

The world youth championships, contested by at least 16 countries, will be staged in Australia in 1981. This may be a lever in negotiations for TV coverage of the PSL.

But if Philips Industries cease to sponsor the league after the initial three-year, \$450,000 agreement which ends at the end of this season - what then?

Obviously the league would try hard to get a replacement sponsor, but if such negotiations failed, the league would have to be restructured. There has already been some specula-

tion about having a regional competition similar to the North American Soccer League.

This would cut travel costs and make it easier for clubs to meet such costs from its own resources.

It would mean that after initial qualifying competitions clubs would advance from their regions, or States, to a play-off series against qualifiers from other regions.

Taking it one step further and providing State Federations aren't hostile to the idea, the remaining big league clubs could play against qualifiers from their own region for a regional or State championship.

The 0-10 network's withdrawal from soccer means that the "Philips Top Soccer" show no longer exists. Stations in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide will no longer cover soccer games. Stations in Canberra and Newcastle will decide for themselves whether they want to stay with soccer.

A network spokesman blamed escalating costs, and disappointing ratings for the death of television soccer.

Mr Papasavas reacted angrily, saying: "The show was never given the chance to improve its rating. In the two years it was shown, its time slot was never stable and it

was always on very late at night.

"Has the network suddenly forgotten that it conceded at the time it went into soccer that this was not a one or two-year proposition, but a long-term one?"

"And isn't it a coincidence that the network decides to drop soccer not long after having decided to get into horseracing?"

Mr Papasavas called the network's decision "another kick in the behind for soccer."

"We were told of the decision less than a week before the league season kicked off," he said.

"Doesn't soccer deserve the same fair go and the same respect that the other major sports get?"

By
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Sydney City will meet Melita Eagles in the final of the Ampol Cup at either the Sports Ground or Garalde Park, depending on the availability of the Sports Ground, next Wednesday, March 21.

Both teams won convincingly despite the closeness that the scorline may suggest.

Melita Eagles, in the final for, the second time in two years, must be in with a chance after its systematic demolition of St. George.

Raul Blanco, Melita's coach, was very happy after his team's 3-2 victory over St. George but also cautious about his prospects for the final.

"Sydney City is still one of the best outfits in Australia, if not the best but we are in there not only hoping but with a real chance to surprise," he said.

Despite Melita's tremendous showing in the semi-final against St. George, my tip for the Cup is Sydney City.



Raul Blanco.



NSW AMPOL CUP



MELITA SHOWS THE BRAND OF BLANCO

with ALEX VESIC

MELITA 3
ST. GEORGE 2

Ground: Wentworth Park
Referee: Tim Davies
Goals: 1-0, Ray Farrugia (23'), 2-0 B. Parker (45'), 3-0, D. Allan (69'), 3-1, Ujosenovic (86'), 3-2 O'Connor (88').

MELITA EAGLES: Brocklow 7, Vervais 7, (Joe Farrugia 7-31) McPherson 7, S. McDonald 7, P. Mikas 8, Parker 8, McAusland 7, D. Allan 7, Ray Farrugia 7, Jones 7 (Griffiths 70'), Yamine 7.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 6, Harris 6, Ujosenovic 7, Della Pica 6, Terry 6, Grosse 6, J. O'Shea 7, Dumas 6 (Hennan 6-45'), Kay 6 (Miele 6-45'), Cotton 6, P. O'Connor 7.

Brian Parker, Melita's livewire striker, played himself into the turf at Wentworth Park to mastermind his team's deserved win over the much fancied St. George.

Almost from the start, Melita assumed the attacking role, piercing St. George's defence at will. In the first 30 seconds Parker found Ray Farrugia on the edge of the area. Farrugia quickly pushed the ball to Don Allan, who had no trouble in rounding Della Pica but fortunately for St. George, Dougie Ujosenovic was there to push the ball into touch, with Allan metres away from Fraser.

Ujosenovic had to dive again in the 5th and later in the 7th minute to stop Jones then Allan with the St. George defence at sixes and sevens, before Grosse made the first promising attack by the Phillips League team. Running some 30 metres, Grosse tried a long range shot, but Brocklow saved well.

1-0: In the 23rd minute, Brian Parker accepted a pass from Terry Jones, then rounded Della Pica with ease before facing Fraser. St. George goalkeeper had no option but to pull down Melita's forward and the writing was on the wall. Tim Davies awarded Melita a penalty, but it took Ray Farrugia two kicks before he found the net. Fraser saved the first, but was correctly judged to have moved before the kick was taken.

With seconds remaining in this half, Terry Jones pushed the ball to Brian Parker who appeared to be in an offside position. Henry Witschge kept the flag down, indicating that at the far end of the pitch, St. George's captain, George Harris had put Parker onside. Parker ran some 20 metres unattended before rounding Fraser to push the ball into the net. A desperate dive by Harris failed to stop the ball.

3-0: With 69 minutes gone and St. George holding a slight territorial advantage, Melita struck

again. Mikas found himself unattended on the right flank and quickly measured his cross to find Don Allan at the near post. Fraser came out of goal, but Allan was faster and able to glide the ball past a bewildered Fraser into the net.

In the 80th and 81st minutes Melita could easily have scored two more goals to completely demolish St. George. A great through pass by McPherson found Don Allan running well to elude Della Pica then face Fraser. It looked a goal all the way, but the shot by Allan was well blocked by the keeper. Less than a minute later, Griffiths pushed the ball through the St. George defensive wall and Parker was presented with an easy chance, but the body of Fraser was in the way again.

With four minutes to go, Melita's defence allowed Ujosenovic room to move and paid dearly. Harris pushed the ball to the edge of the area. Ujosenovic headed towards Ujosenovic and a first-time volley by the experienced Soccerero found Brocklow helpless.

St. George continued to attack and scored again within minutes. Hard-running John O'Shea split Melita's defence with a great pass that found O'Connor on the edge of the area. A quick turn by O'Connor and Brocklow were beaten again, with O'Connor running into Brocklow before slotting it into an empty net.

Melita deserved its win and could easily have beaten St. George by a greater margin. Certainly one of the best footballing sides in the country, Melita played an attractive brand of soccer to get into the final.

The ability to score and yet play attractive soccer is a rare not many teams can afford and must be credited to that gentle master of the game, Paul Blanco.

St. George?

Harris had a terrible afternoon, while Della Pica and Terry did



Ray Farrugia

not fare much better. In fact one could muse how Della Pica and Ujosenovic could play together in the back four. Showing no speed at all, Della Pica loomed all at sea against the fast moving Melita forwards. Ujosenovic and Grosse were much better combination at the back and their styles complement each other. Up front, Cotton hardly touched the ball and seemed disinterested, while O'Connor, as always, tried hard. Unfortunately, every time O'Connor had the chance to cross there was no one to cross to, and he must have been wishing for the head of "Nitty" New Morgan.

Silva, Watson sink APIA

SYDNEY C 1
APIA 0

Ground: Wentworth Park
Referee: Richard Loeve
Yellow cards: Carruthers (47')
Goals: 1-0 Silva (22')

SYDNEY CITY: Clark 7, Mullen 7, Thomson 7, O'Connor 7, Trentor 7, Stevenson 7, Wien 6, Barnes 6, Smith 6 (Bruce 7-54'), Souness 7, Silva 7 (Kershaw 74').

APIA: Woodhouse 7, Turnbull 7, Rowden 6, Wilson 7, Carruthers 6 (Dreves 74'), Rampant 6, Butler 6, Reed 6 (Scott 6-54'), O'Donnell 7, Vernon 7.

Sydney City played some attractive soccer in the first half hour of the first semi-final to go one goal up through Hilton Silva, then strolled home against listless APIA for the rest of the match.

City opened brightly with Silva making his runs down the line, and Barnes and Terry worrying Wilson and co. in the penalty area, stretching APIA's defence.

LiveWire Watson was not to be left out of proceedings and gave Warren Turnbull considerable problems in this opening half hour.

It was from one of those clever runs by the fast winger that the first and the only goal of the match resulted. Watson picked up the ball some 40 metres from the line and set sail for APIA's goal. Turnbull followed Watson every step of the way, then fouled the City winger some 25 metres from the line.

Ian Souness took the kick, pushing it to Stevenson who slammed it against the APIA wall. The ball rebounded to Silva who hit a first-time shot high into the roof of the net from some 22 metres.

Woodhouse made a desperate attempt to save, but the ball curled over his outstretched arms and into the net.

Souness tried a few long range shots and so did Stevenson but APIA's defence covered well and the shots did not get through. However it was encouraging to see at least one team (so far) prepared to have a go from as far as 30 metres, while most try to walk the ball into the net, or consistently miss the ball by

Watson could have made it 2-0 after 21 minutes but he blasted wide from only 10 metres following a good flick-on by Terry Smith.

Barnes had a similar opportunity at the 38 min. mark. Woodhouse only managed to palm the ball to the feet of Barnes, who was about 10 metres away and at an angle. With Woodhouse out of goal it should have been an easy goal for the tall Soccerero, but his shot went high over the bar.

Barnes was on the spot in the 68th minute to receive a pass from Watson behind the last line of APIA's defence, but Woodhouse made a spectacular reflex save to keep his team in with a chance.

APIA laboured and failed to produce more than a single scoring opportunity. It took 52 minutes for APIA to penetrate the strong City defence. John Vernon crossed, O'Connor and Reed went for the ball, but neither managed to get the nod and the ball fell to the feet of Renato Rampant. APIA's expensive signing was about 12 metres away and with a reasonable scoring chance, but his shot wasn't hard enough to go past diving Todd Clark.

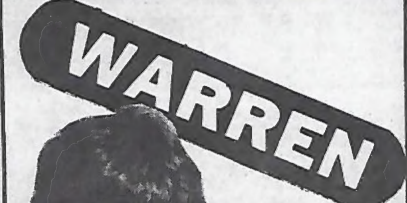
For City, the defence was sound while the midfield trio of Souness, Barnes and Stevenson outplayed APIA's Carruthers, O'Donnell and Butler. Watson and Silva had an early upper hand against Turnbull and Skellern, but as the game progressed, the tide turned in favour of the fullbacks.

For APIA, Rampant and Butler were disappointing, but one must take into account that the midfield dynamo, Peter Stone, was missing and much needed fire was lacking.

Terry Butler one of the most devastating wingers in NSW, played away from his usual position and looked all at sea. I am sure that Mark Trentor would have had a lot of problems had Butler played on the flank.

As it was, APIA had only Reed (later Scott) and Vernon in front and that is not sufficient to worry the sound defence of Sydney City.

Rampant appeared to play on the right wing, a decision that still baffles, considering the abundance of skill the ex-Italian representative had in his footballing ca-



Former National Captain Johnny Warren

The "amateurs" are still ahead

I was more than interested to read Mike Johnson's comments in last week's edition of "Soccer Action" with regard to the increasing "professionalism" in club staffing and structures in Australian soccer, the PSL in particular.

I couldn't agree more with Mike that is a healthy, if somewhat belated, trend that clubs are finally thinking along these lines, and I am sure it will be of long term benefit to the game if all clubs have to operate in this manner. Thankfully the days of the manager/coach, an impossible job for anyone to do properly, are becoming numbered and clubs are delegating these duties to part-time, full-time or honorary staff.

There is little point in having a full-time coach if all the players are part-time.

At the same time it is impossible — and in my experience I have yet to see a person do justice to all areas of the job — for one man to be a real manager/coach.

A real manager/coach must be responsible for coaching the PSL squad, managing it (contracts, travel arrangements, employment for players, training facilities, equipment) coordinate the club's youth policy and the training of these squads, handle the press relations, PR for the club, junior and school promotions and coaching clinics, sponsorships and other means of raising funds, match day promotions, and many other associated activities.

Whilst agreeing with Mike in these remarks, I also disagree with his comments that the Sydney clubs (Sydney City and St. George were mentioned) are better organised because of their professional staffs than the provincial areas Canberra and Newcastle, where the committees are enthusiastic amateurs.

After working in all these clubs, except Newcastle, I can speak with reasonable authority in saying that Mike could be no further from the truth — in actual fact the reverse if the case.

Canberra and Newcastle have already provided the example for the rest of the clubs to follow.

Their structures, involving active sub-committees, leave the Sydney clubs for dead and it is only recently that the Sydney clubs are appreciating that fact.

None more than Sydney City, who are attempting to remedy the problem and I believe St. George are taking steps in that direction also.

The most professional off the field set-ups are at Canberra and Newcastle.

Canberra is fortunate to have a superb stadium and a board of directors who have occupations which allow them to spend an enormous amount of time on soccer activities.

It is these sub-committees which handle the areas of media, sponsorship, schools, juniors, promotions, grounds, advertising etc. and the enthusiasm and involvement generated by these sub-committees develops support and spectators for their teams.

One minor point in Mike's article regarding Sydney City and its long-serving secretary Harry Lakemaker is that Harry is not an employee of the club.

Harry has for years, and still does, work in a completely honorary capacity which is more credit to him for the enormous contribution he has made to Hakoah, Sydney City and soccer.

Whilst on about Sydney City, the club takes exception to Peter Windsor's article in last week's "Soccer Action" stating that Danny Moulis, the young Soccerero defender, has turned down an attractive offer to play for the club this season.

Sydney City, with International Kevin Mullen, Alan Kershaw, skipper Henry Mowbray, new signing Ian Bruce, under 21 player of the year Ian Souness, Brazilian Mozart Fonseca, and Mark Trentor, the former Welsh Youth International to fill the team's fullback spots have never approached nor spoken to Moulis about joining City.

The club negotiating with Moulis was Sydney Olympic — not Sydney City.



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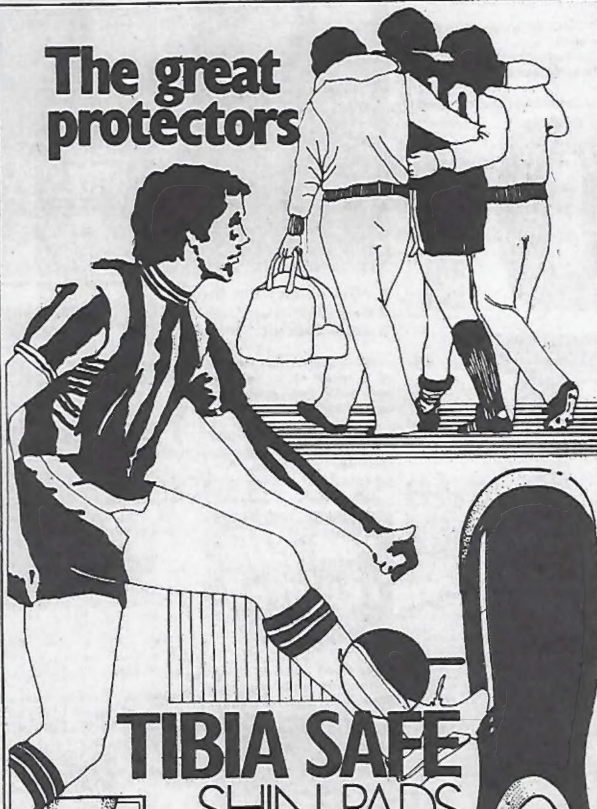
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Stand by for the razzle-dazzle million-dollar St. George show

Many PSL clubs have sought to acquire a "million dollar image" in recent times, but St. George this year became the first club to actually outlay such a sum.

To date that is how much their spanking new stand at Barton Park has cost them.

(Incidentally, the Saints' home is to be officially designated as St. George Stadium from this week-end on).

The modern edifice, when fully completed within the next couple of months, will seat 3400 spectators, 2400 of them under cover.

Amenities will include a modern Press box, bar and canteen, to be followed by other improvements, including practice pitches and increased parking space.

St. George has budgeted a total of \$3½ million on ground improvements, according to their senior vice-president, Steven Koenig and the stadium already has a capacity of 15,000.

While improved spectator and Press facilities are

By PETER SCOTT

among the most vital ingredients of good support for a club, the Saints have also taken some big steps to entice the people of Sydney's St. George and Sutherland areas to their games this year.

They have appointed **Alan Barton** as the club's full-time sales and promotions manager and some of his initial plans were revealed at a media dinner last week.

Barton said the districts St. George aims to cater for will be "saturated" by publicity, including personal appearances by the club's top players and newly acquired "mascot", a soccer-playing reincarnation of Captain Cook.

The "Captain" will be presented at all St. George games, promotions, clinics and is to visit schools.

It is hoped it will become as well known and closely identified with the team as the feathered mascot of Eastern Suburbs Rugby League side.

Barton is placing heavy emphasis on entertainment at St. George home matches and, with his planning well under way, confidently

predicts a crowd of close 6000 at this week's pipe-opener against Canberra City.

The program will feature the usual junior march-past but there will also be personal appearances by stars of the popular TV series *Restless Years* ("That should ensure a couple of thousand youngsters," Barton said), a challenge soccer match between Captain Cook and an Aboriginal tribe — with public participation — and a Corroboree.

The "show" begins at noon! St. George has also launched a Junior Supporters' Club, whose members get a T-shirt, season pass and a free bus shuttle service between the stadium and several designated pick-up points in the district on match days.

"We will soon increase our crowds to around 8000 and the stadium will be packed by season's end," a confident Barton promised.

"Our entertainment program will be aimed directly at youngsters in the 12 to 18 age group, who normally disappear from soccer."

General manager **Les Bordacs** said that \$30,000 has been allocated for publicity in the printed and electronic media during the 1979 season.

This investment was decided on after market research showed that more than 40,000 residents of the district are in one way or another involved with soccer, either as players, officials or just parents of children in junior teams.

"We aim to entice at least 10 to 15 per cent of these people to our games," Bordacs said.

"We have an excellent product to sell: a beautiful stadium and a great team, which has been strengthened considerably from local and overseas sources of talent, together with our experienced Hungarian coach **Joe Galei**."

"St. George in 1979 is following the pioneering tradition established by the club in the late fifties, since when we have produced many 'firsts' for the game in Australia, including the first full-time coach/manager in **Frank Arok**."

However, all the enthusiasm and know-how cannot prevent the occasional setback.

The Saints have missed out on what was expected to be substantial sponsorship, because of what the unnamed company in question saw as the uncertainty of regular exposure on television.

Sydney to dominate the PSL?

Sydney seems certain to place a strong grip on the honours list for this the third season of the Philips League.

It is even possible that the Sydney teams will take the top four places in the league this year.

While clubs like Canberra City, Newcastle United, West Adelaide, Brisbane City, Bris-

bane Lions have hardly strengthened their line ups for the coming season, the Sydney clubs, particularly St. George, Marconi and APIA have built tremendously powerful squads.

Hakoah has not added much in the way of experienced players, but coach **Gerry Chaldi** has a lot of faith in his settled squad. I wonder if he too will be surprised by the upgraded outfits at St. George and APIA.

APIA will be a major force this season. Look at its strength.

Internationals in defence with **Woodhouse, Rowden, Wilson** and **McGee** plus support from young stars such as **Skellern, Turnbull** and two English imports, who are yet to win a place.

The midfield strength is impressive.

Peter Stone, Eric Carruthers, Brian O'Donnell, Terry Butler Italian star **Rosario Rampanti** and **Ray Richards**.

There are three internationals: Stone, Richards and Butler — plus top European pro's in Rampanti and Carruthers (ex-Derby Co.) who has surprised many with his excellent form in the NSW Ampol Cup.

Up front is where APIA may have some problems,

MIKE JOHNSON

despite the signing of Melbourne goalscorer **Ken Reed**.

St. George has signed seven top players. They are:

Della Picca a sweeper from Argentina, and **Roy Cotton** from England.

Cotton especially has been impressive.

Local buys are representative 'keeper, **Mike Frazer**, under 19 star, **Peter Katholos** and **Dennis Duarte** a Portuguese winger who has played in Sydney for three seasons.

St. George, for the first time in several seasons will also have an experienced coach in **Josef Galei** 1966 World Cup Hungarian goalkeeper, to take advantage of a powerful group of players.

Marconi has spent \$30,000 on three players: **Eddie Krncevic**, **Tony Henderson** and **Ken Lindsay** (ex-APIA and Wests).

While being based in Sydney and not to date having seen much of the other Philips League outfits, I will take an educated guess and put the two Adelaide clubs, plus Fitzroy and South Melbourne as the most likely to challenge them.

West Adelaide has an excellent defence and midfield, but I wonder if it has the strikers or the reserve depth to hold onto its title.

Whoever comes out on top in the Philips League this season may find themselves in contention with Sydney's sleeping giant, potentially the strongest club in the land.

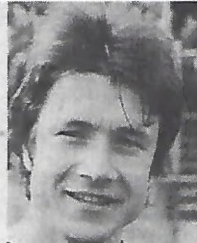
That is Sydney Olympic which has had two and a half disastrous seasons in the league to date.

A mid-season recovery under new coach, **Joe Marsden** last year appears as if it could be sustained this year.

Sydney Olympic has the best squad of players I have ever seen at the club.

In strikers **Clive Eaton** (ex Wests) and the tall **Dave McIntosh**, it has a dangerous pair which would provide the striking power it has long needed.

History is against Sydney Olympic.



John Nicolaides



Mike O'Hara



Dragan Vasic



Larry Ostrowsky



Paul Hynes



Denis Boland

Nicolaides for sale

Skilful forward or midfielder **John Nicolaides**, formerly of Fitzroy, is among six players on Footscray J.U.S.T.'s official transfer list, released this week.

Nicolaides played some brilliant games in the Philips League last season, and scored some vital goals.

Another forward on the list is striker **Dragan Vasic**, who was imported from Yugoslavia in late 1977, and scored in many games that year.

Victorian club Collingwood City is apparently interested in both Nicolaides and Vasic.

J.U.S.T. has transfer-listed three goalkeepers: **Denis Boland**, **Mike O'Hara** and **Larry Ostrowsky**.

Boland, who had a spectacular run in the PSL last year, is on the list at his own request. O'Hara, a Victorian State representative who previously played for Hakoah and Slavia, has shown excellent form in training but wants to leave because he does not see eye to eye with coach **Cedo Cirkovic**.

Ostrowsky, bought last year from Polonia, is a talented young player with a bright future. Sunshine City and Kellon-Austria have shown interest in him.

Altina City is reported to be interested in right back **Paul Hynes** who played for Bremerhaven in the German second division before being flown in by J.U.S.T. early this year.

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Heidelberg	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1:0
West Adelaide	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1:0
South Melbourne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1:2
Brisbane Lions	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:1
APIA	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:1
St George	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0:1
Adelaide City	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2:4
Marconi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	1:3
Footscray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0:2

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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

APIA 0 West Adelaide 1, ratings by Tony Raci.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 9, Bozanic 7, Reynolds 7, McGachey 7, Kambas 7, Jones 7, McCulloch 7, Zervas 8, Norris 7, Honeyman 6, McGregor 7.

A.P.I.A.: Woodhouse 8, Skellern 7, Turnbull 6, Carruthers 6, Wilson 6, Rowden 6, O'Donnell 6 (Rampanti 68th min), Butler 6, Scott 6, Stone 6, Vernon 7.

Heidelberg 1 St George 0. Ratings by Kyle Patterson.

HEIDELBERG UTD: Marner 7, McMillan 8, O'Reilly 6 (Bannon 82nd min), Provan 6, Tansey 6; Taylor 8 (Selemidis 61st min), Campbell 5, Rooney 7; Buljevic 5, Cole 6, Bozicas 6.

ST GEORGE: Coe 7, Harris 6, Hutjesenovic 8 injured (Holmik 5 half time), Della Picca 8, Terry 6; R. O'Shea 5, Cotten 7, J. O'Shea 6, Hensman 5 (Barton 72nd min), Matic 7, O'Connor 6.

Olympic 2 Footscray 0. Ratings by Alex Vesic.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8, Cotton 7, Bell 7, Wilson 7, Ainslie 9, Cross 8, Raskopoulos 7, Jamieson 7, Laing 8, Eaton 7, McIntosh 8.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 6, Ristic 5, Iloski 7 (Rujevic 7 57), Jovicic 8, Kondarios 7, Jovanovic 9, Piccioane 7, Lujic 7, Palinkas 7, Ollerton 7, Ristovski 6.

Canberra 1 Marconi 3. Ratings by Peter Windoor.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 7; Moulis 8, Salgado 7, Brown 7, Stark 7; Arquero 6 (Fileding 7, 45th minute); Farrell 7, Cant 8, Davies 8; Byrne 7, Bailey 6 (Stoddard 6, 64th).

MARCONI: Maher 7, Brogan 6 (Selvage 7, 44th minute), Degney 7, Lindsay 7, Russell 7,

Prskalo 8, Henderson 7, Byrne 7; Jankovics 8, Krncevic 7, Sharne 7.

Adelaide City 2 Brisbane City 4. Ratings by Meno Toutsidis.

BRISBANE: Wishart 6, Rathmell 7, Potter 7, Lowe 7, Perry 8, Gaffney 7, Ratcliffe 6 (Tokesi), Pimblett 7, Kelso 7 (Brusasco) Echeverria 7, Caldwell 7.

ADELAIDE: Marshall 6, Russell 7, Perin 6, Muir 7, B. Nyskohus 7, (Dodds), Melta 6, Muniz 6 (Marwe), Northcote 7, Deans 7, J. Nyskohus 6, Kent 7.

Newcastle 2 Sth Melbourne 1. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE UNITED: Dando 7, Willis 6, Curran 7, Summerscales 8, Drinkwater 7, McClelland 7, Seddon 8, Cowburn 7 (Sneddon 84th), Heyes 8, Boden 7, Harris 7 (Tredinnick 76th).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Reilly 8, Pye 6, Turner 7, Kalafatis 6, Baxter 7, Christopoulos 6, Lutton 6, Drakeford 7, (Davidson 87th), Evans 7, Cummings 6, Campbell 7.

Brisbane Lions 1 Sydney City 2. Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

BRISBANE LIONS — Lownds 6, Lawrie 6, Bennett 6, Hermiston 8, Niven 7, Hughes 7, Spearritt 8, Amos 8, Wallace 6 (Laszlo 71st), Fairbrother 6, Ontong 8.

SYDNEY CITY — Clarke 8, Mullen 6, Trenter 8, O'Connor 8, Souness 7, Stevenson 7, Barnes 6, Watson 7, Campbell 6 (sent off 46th), Smith 7, Silva 7.

Leaders:

9 Jovanovic (Foots), Ainslie (Oly), Crook (W. Adel.).

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DO OR DIE FOR FOOTSCRAY, STH. MELBOURNE

The first local derby of the Philips League season takes place when Footscray and Heidelberg clash at Olympic Park at 3 pm on Sunday.

The teams have met twice in practice games this year, with each team winning once.

If Footscray loses this time, it will stay rooted to the bottom of the ladder.

A feature of the match will be the battles between Peter Ollerton (Footscray) and Bob Provan (Heidelberg) and between Gary Cole (Heidelberg) and Jim Kondarios (Footscray).

Other important duels are between Branko Buljevic (H'berg) and Andrija Ristic or Zoran Mloski — whoever plays at right back for Footscray — and between Joe Palinkas (Footscray) and Jim Tansey (H'berg).

The match is in direct competition with the all-Greek clash between South Melbourne and Sydney Olympic at Middle Park, also at 3 pm on Sunday.

South Melbourne struggled against Newcastle last weekend, and it was only the brilliance of Jack Reilly in goal that prevented a bigger defeat.

Olympic, on the other hand, notched an excellent 2-0 victory over Footscray.

Playing away from home will, of course, make it more difficult for Olympic, but Souths will have to tighten its



Joe Palinkas



Jim Tansey

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Round two of the PSL, to be played on Sunday:

IN MELBOURNE

Sth Melbourne v Olympic, Middle Park, 3 pm. Footscray v Fitzroy, Olympic Park, 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY

St George v Canberra, Barton Park, 3 pm. Marconi v Brisbane Lions, Marconi Oval, 3 pm. Sydney City v Adelaide City, Wentworth Park, 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE

West Adelaide v Newcastle KB Utd, Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane City v APIA, Perry Park, 3 pm.

grip on defence and midfield to improve on last week's performance.

Brisbane City, the league leader after its 4-2 victory over Adelaide City, faces a tough task at home against APIA, whose Italian import Rosario Rampanti is expected to play in attack rather than midfield.

If City can win this one as well, it should stay in the running for the top four for quite some time. Roberto Echeverria, Larry Gaffney and Frank Pimblett in midfield are the trump cards for City, so APIA will have to be in top form in that department.

First-round winners West Adelaide (1-0 v APIA) and Newcastle (2-1 v Sth Melb) clash at Hindmarsh on Sunday, with the loser doomed to a sudden slide down the ladder.

If West Adelaide can win in Sydney on a Friday night, it should be able to account for Newcastle at home.

St. George faces a tough task against Canberra, whose new boys Fielding, Bailey and Farrell are impressive.

After beating Marconi 3-1, Canberra certainly has no complexes about playing against Joe Gele's boys.

Marconi, featuring an impressive striking trio in Peter

Sharne, Mark Jankovics and Eddie Kmeovic, gets the chance to atone for its loss to Canberra when it meets Brisbane Lions at home on Sunday. However, without Roberto Vieri in midfield, the Marconi strikers have to work twice as hard for the ball, and the game will by no means be one-sided.



Isaac Farrell



Ernie Campbell



Sydney City stars Ernie Campbell, Cornelio Borges, Marcos Silva and Eddie Thomson entertain the lunchtime crowd during Sydney City's recent skills demonstration at Martin Plaza in the heart of Sydney.

Spectacular launch for City

The launching of Sydney's "own" soccer team, Sydney City, gets underway with a bang this weekend when Sydney City meets Adelaide City at Wentworth Park on Sunday.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Nelson Meers, kicks off the promotional campaign when he launches the club at a Press reception at Sydney Town Hall on Thursday.

The Lord Mayor is delighted that Australia's first city is at last officially represented in a national competition — only basketball and soccer represent Sydney nationally in any sport.

Apart from the Lord Mayor's reception, Sydney City players have been active in promoting the sport in schools and junior clubs and

also took part in the "lunchtime happening" at Martin Plaza last Thursday.

The launching of Sydney City on the field takes place at Wentworth Park on Sunday when Adelaide City team.

Apart from the top-class games, featuring 15 international players, Sydney City will be launched, with Australia's first soccer disco, sky divers diving from 4,000 feet for a \$1,000 bet, brass bands, 5,000 pigeons, junior march-past, the announcement of the winner of Sydney City's enormously successful nickname competition (the prize being a trip for two to the FA Cup Final) and the chance for all spectators

to win a new Ford Cortina (\$7,500) donated by City's new minor sponsor City Ford.

Some new innovations to Sydney City this year will be a match day programme, entertainment of visiting teams at Wentworth Park after each home match and the launching of the club's VIP lounge.

The VIP lounge will run along the touchline of Wentworth Park and individual boxes have been bought by local companies who will also sponsor individual matches.

Individual match day promotions was an innovation Johnny Warren introduced to Canberra City last year (Hyatt Kingsgate, John Pfeiffer Constructions, Avis, Supermix Concrete, Readymix, Avis) and now he is introducing it to Sydney City.



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ADELAIDE C. 2
BRISBANE C. 4

Scorers: Deane (AC) 8th, Echeverria (BC) 50th, Lowe (BC) 61st, Pimblett (BC) 71st, Kent (AC) 76th, Caldwell (BC) 85th.
Cautions: Caldwell, Ratcliffe (Brisbane City), Perin (Adelaide City).
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: 4,236.

Brisbane City crushed Adelaide City 4-2 after an extraordinary second half at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Adelaide led 1-0 at half time and appeared set for a decisive victory.

But Nereo Saffich's Philips Cup-winning team exploded after half time, blasting four goals which left the 4,236 crowd stunned.

To add to the drama, Mr Juventus Johnny Perin missed a twice taken penalty with the score 2-3 only two minutes before the end.

Adelaide City coach **Rale Ralec** didn't offer any excuses after the game.

"We can't complain," he said in the sombre Adelaide City dressing rooms.

"We let our supporters down badly. This is a championship game and the team which scored the goals are the winners. It's as simple as that."

Basic added that the turning point was the missed Perin penalty kick.

Adelaide began throbbing with power and after just two minutes new signing **Chris Kent** sent a precise cross to the near post but **John Nyshokus** failed to connect.

Adelaide grabbed the crucial opening goal in the eighth minute after another **Dixie Denas** spring-heeled leap.

Kent did the damage with a superb far post cross and Denas, who has produced the will score 20 goals this season, leap majestically to power the ball past Brisbane keeper **Kim Wishart**.

Despite failing to combine fluently, Adelaide launched a succession of forward thrusts and Brisbane was hanging on desperately.

Adelaide almost increased its lead in the 17th minute when defender **Bobby Russell** pointed to the edge of the penalty area and flung himself for a spectacular flying header that Wishart saved.

Adelaide's midfield of **Agner, Muniz, Brian Marwe** and **Sergio Malta** began to disappoint midway through the half and Brisbane were showing signs of a revival.

But the closest they came to retaking was a forty-third minute show by **Larry Garney** that **Peter Marshall** blocked.

But Brisbane shone like a jewel in the second half and grabbed a shock fifty-sixth minute equaliser.

Barry Kelce headed powerfully against the bar and **Robert Echeverria** was on the spot to slot it past Marshall from five metres.

Kevin Lowe sent shock waves through Adelaide City's camp when he picked up a loose ball in the 61st minute and rifled a scorching shot which beat Marshall pointlessly.

Brisbane, now dominating the midfield completely found gaping holes in Adelaide's defence and added a third in the 71st minute when **Frank Pimblett** calmly slipped the ball past Marshall, who had come off his line.

Kent gave Adelaide a ray of hope when he scrambled the ball over the line in the 75th minute.

Trailing 2-3, Adelaide launched a savage onslaught on Brisbane's goal and **Robert Marwe**, who had replaced Muniz, came close with a scorching header.

Marwe, whose height would have been an advantage earlier, gave the attack a bit of bite and worried Brisbane's defence.

But it was one of the smallest men on the ground, John Nyshokus, who presented Adelaide with the opportunity of equalising.

Nyshokus was brought down and referee **Donald Campbell** awarded a penalty despite protests from a group of Brisbane players.

Perin took the kick but Wishart saved brilliantly.

However Campbell ordered the kick to be retaken but again Wishart punched it out.

Perin snapped up the rebound but incredibly he smashed it against the post from three metres.

Brisbane celebrated this let off by adding a fourth goal barely a minute later when **Kevin Caldwell** thumped the ball into the roof of the net from 10 metres.

Brisbane coach **Nereo Saffich** was beaming after the match but his only comment was: "We came to Adelaide to win and we did."

BRIS. LIONS 1
SYD. CITY 2

Ian Sousses

Scorers: Lions: Hermiston 64th; Sydney City: Sousses 47th, Stevenson penalty 70th.
Ground: Perry Park.
Crowd: 2,500.
Referee: Des Miles 7.
Cautions: Wallace (Lions).
Sent off: Campbell (SC).

Brisbane Lions threw away what would have been an invaluable first up point when they went down 2-1 to Sydney City at Perry Park.

Although City looked the better footballing side - they are usually superior to most teams - Lions still had ample opportunity to take a firm grip in the early part of the second half.

City were down to 10 men after Campbell's 46th minute expulsion, and their Rhythm had gone. Suddenly Lions were right back in things at 1-1, only nine minutes after the break.

This is where they missed a couple of good chances to ram their advantage home, giving City time to recover and recompose themselves.

Admittedly Lions had a justifiable claim for a penalty refused when Mullen headed, but on the blind side of referee **Des Miles**.

As it was, a penalty to City, 13 minutes from the end did settle the issue. **Nigel Lownds** inexplicably committed an indiscretion against an opponent right under the referee's nose.

Lownds had brilliantly saved a Barnes header with a cat-like pounce on the goal line but coach **Eddie Spearritt** is certain to have demanded an explanation from Lownds as to why he acted with such impetuosity.

City began in ominous fashion, with Watson and Silva hugging their respective sidelines, continually feeding off a steady supply from the midfield.

But Lions weathered the opening barrage and with Amos and Ontong setting into what were to become probably their best performance in a Lions shirt, the disappointing opening crowd suddenly had a march on its hands.

With Amos roving strongly in the midfield, Stevenson and Barnes were much less effective than usual and Ontong made merry with his speed and perfect crosses from the right wing.

City broke through in the 40th minute after winning a free kick just outside the box, Sousses blasted a shot past Lownds off the underside of the crossbar.

Ontong pounced on a poor Watson pass, shook off Tranter and fully tested Clarke. In the first minute of injury time of the first half, Campbell became the first red card victim for 1979.

There was an incident off the ball in which Spearritt fell clutching his knee. After a report from the Linesmen, Referee Miles ordered the Campbell off.

Lions threw everything into the first 10 minutes of the second half. Amos and Ontong combined to have Clarke stranded before O'Connor arrived to head away.

Hermiston stoked a long ball through the city backline and with Mullen keeping Lions onside, Wallace raced clear but lobbed wide.

The equaliser began with an intelligent Hermiston throw in on the right, when he found Fairbrother available near the backline.

Fairbrother jockeyed and returned to Hermiston, who charged between two players, was favoured by the bounce and literally forced the ball over the surprised Clarke's head.

Amos supplied the 73rd minute cross which Mullen headed, only to escape punishment, and it was only four minutes later that Stevenson capitalised on the penalty gift.

NEWCASTLE 2
STH. MELB 1

Scorers: Newcastle: Curran 10th, Summerville 57th; Sth Melb. Baxter 19th.
Ground: International Sports Centre.
Weather: Fine.
Cautions: Summerville (NU) 73rd, Kalaftidis (SM) 80th.
Crowd: 7332.
Referee: Peter Rowley.

A magnificent save by Phil Dando in Newcastle United's goal in the 74th minute was the turning point of the game.

Newcastle United were holding on to a slim 2-1 advantage and the Sth Melbourne machine was starting to get into top gear.

After some continuous pressure, South Melbourne were awarded a free kick outside the box. **Kenny Drakford** touched the ball to **George Christopoulos** whose right foot shot had goal written all over it.

However the unsighted Doudo managed to dive to the right and push the ball around the post for a fruitless corner.

Newcastle United regained control of the game after that and possibly were unlucky not to finish in front by a bigger margin.

In one of the best games seen at the International Sports Centre, Newcastle KB United grabbed the lead in the 16th minute when **Duncan Cummings** brought down **Col Curran** and from the ensuing free kick, Curran unleashed a vicious right foot shot that gave his 1974 World Cup teammate **Jack Reilly** no chance.

Newcastle's lead however was short lived. It took South Melbourne three minutes to get back on level terms.

From a free kick taken by Drakford, Newcastle's defence failed to cover **Samuel Barnes** and his header gave Dando no chance.

One would have expected the vastly experienced South Melbourne side to take control at that stage. Instead it was the rather inexperienced Newcastle, midfield of **Cowburn, Seddon and McClelland** that put their stamp on the game.

Seddon in particular was steady and some of his quick changes of play caught the South Melbourne defence short several times. Twice his passes put the local boy **Kath Harris** through only to see the former Australian goalkeeper, **Jack Reilly** bring off brilliant saves to keep his team on level terms at the interval.

However, Newcastle United were not going to be denied for very long because in the 57th minute they took the lead, again.

From a free kick taken by **Ian Seddon**, **Bill Summerville**'s header gave Reilly no chance.

From then on, Newcastle soaked up quite bit of pressure for a 15 minute period, but after they weathered the storm, looked more penetrating and it was only the brilliance of Reilly in goal that kept the score respectable.

The publicized and mostly full time professional side of South Melbourne must have been a disappointment to the 150 or so supporters that travelled from Melbourne to support their side.

The midfield must be a worry to Dave McLaren. However I am convinced that last week was not South Melbourne's best showing with the talent available to them should figure prominently in the run for the title.

On the other hand, Newcastle showed that they could be difficult to beat if they can concentrate in doing the things they are best at, and that is to harass the opposition, force them into errors and strike back quickly.

Allan Vest deserves a pat on the back for giving youngsters **Brett Cowburn** and **Malcolm McClelland** another chance in the midfield.

Both showed that they deserve their places.

Newcastle KB United are travelling to Adelaide next week to meet the League champions West Adelaide. The team should be unchanged and it would not surprise to see United take a point away from Adelaide. West Adelaide are a polished combination and started the season brilliant the week with a great win against APIA in Sydney, and no doubt have not any intentions of relinquishing their title.

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OLYMPIC 2
FOOTSCRAY 0

Ground: St George Stadium.
Crowd: 2468.
Referee: J. Reeves 7.
Goals: 1-0, McIntosh (38') 2-0, Clive Eaton (74').

Sydney Olympic played some constructive soccer in the first 45 minutes to go one up, but had to fight all the way before emerging as the winning side in the first Philips League game played at the new St George stadium at Barton Park.

Footscray had a bright opening and could have gone ahead as early as the fifth minute, but **Joe Palinkas** failed to capitalise after running away from Olympic's defence. Faced with Gary Meier, Palinkas shot hard and high, giving us a glimpse of things to come from the Melbourne team.

In the 13th minute, **Peter Orlerton** rose high to meet a well-measured cross by Lujic, but his header finished inches over the bar, with Meier stranded.

Olympic started slowly, but was soon to take the upper hand in this game, giving the visitors some anxious moments. **Paul Cotton** came close with his header in the 11th minute after a great run down the line by full-back **Alan Anslie**. A cross by Anslie found Cotton on the far post.

Cotton rose high to head past Potter and the upright from seven metres out.

McIntosh had another opportunity for the home side in the 29th minute, and once again the move started with a great run by Alan Anslie. JUST failed to cover its right flank, and Anslie used it well.

Running for almost 30 metres, Anslie beat Ristic before crossing to the far post. Steve Potter committed himself to clear the cross, but badly misjudged, giving David McIntosh the opportunity.

But the header by the tall Olympic forward went just over the bar.

Minutes later Derek Laing had an opportunity to score after the ball bounced off a defender. Twelve metres out, and at a low angle, Laing shot hard, but failed to find the target.

JUST could have scored from a counter attack.

A quick move by the visitors saw the ball travel fast from Piccane to Orlerton then to Palinkas. He ran past Wilson, but Meier dived at his feet and managed to block the shot. The ball ran towards goal but Richle Bell managed to slide and push the ball away for a corner.

In the 38th minute after a move by Anslie and Raskopov, JUST defence was at a loss and seven yards desperately to clear.

Somehow the ball bounced off a defender to McIntosh, who had no problems in slotting it past Potter from five metres out.

JUST attacked furiously almost from the start, showing all its skills the team is so renowned for. Meier saved well from Piccane in the 3rd minute, but seemed helpless after a move by Palinkas in the 6th.

The fast moving Palinkas managed to go past one player before slotting the ball in the path of **Mendo Risticovski**.

With Meier only metres away, Risticovski could have picked his shot before shooting, but he managed only a weak push which landed straight in the arms of a thankful Meier.

Rujovic replaced Iloski in the 67th minute and a small reshuffle took place in the visitors' line up. Still, Lujic remained at fullback, rather a curious decision after being a goal down. With Risticovski not having a good game, **Peter Orlerton** was a very lonely figure up front.

With 20 minutes to go, Gary Meier saved the home side with two spectacular saves in three seconds. Meier saved brilliantly from Orlerton, the ball rebounded to Risticovski five metres away. Risticovski fired a first time shot but another great save by Meier kept Olympic in front.

With minutes ticking away, JUST became more frustrated, and its forwards, despite some very attractive build up, failed to notch the all important goal.

In the 72nd minute, **Mirko Rujovic** bobbed up on the area to head past the post with Gary Meier out of goal.

A minute later Olympic sealed the game with a well-taken goal by Clive Eaton.

In the closing minutes Eaton almost added another goal to his tally after a great shot from the edge of the area, but it just missed the upright. Seconds later Potter saved well from a header by Eaton.

Both goalmouth actions were rare. Marner was called on to make two difficult saves, but between them, the sides had less than a dozen shots at goal.

HEIDELBERG 1
ST. GEORGE 0

Scorers: Cole (H) 60th min.
Ground: Olympic Park, Melbourne.
Crowd: 5000.
Weather: humid.
Cautions: Harris (St. George).
Referee: Mick Karlich 7.

A goal from striker Gary Cole secured two points for Heidelberg Utd, but coach John Margaritis and his players should not be satisfied by the performance.

Both Heidelberg and St. George were desultory, and on the initiative shown, a 0-0 draw would have been a fair result.

The players were sluggish, although the conditions were far from unbearable, and as a result the teams were shadow boxing; going through the motions without any commitment.

Repeatedly, Heidelberg players got the ball in attack, but were given no support by team mates. Players would be stuck on the flank, faced by defenders, with team mates running away waiting for a long ball rather than coming short.

Brank Buljevic had an extremely lazy day. He didn't pressure opposition defenders when the ball came near him. With little pressure applied, the St. George defence, led by **Doug Utkasev** in the first half, looked good.

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APIA 0
W. ADEL 1

Ian Rowden

Scorers: McCulloch (Westad) 39th min.
Ground: Marconi Stadium, Sydney.
Crowd: 6281.
Referee: Marconi Stadium, Sydney.

Referee: Tony Boecovic 8. Cautions: Reynolds (Westad), Zervae (Westad).
Weather: Mild.

West Adelaide clearly came to Sydney content to open their campaign to retain the title they deservedly won last season with a draw.

Their new coach Tom Forde was probably expecting to meet with Apia side which from reports he had received were looking very impressive.

Forde expected Apia's side to contain two young and four past and present Socceros along with Apia's recent signing Rosario Rampanti.

In the opening 15 minutes of the match Westad's players seemed to be overawed - and so played very cautiously.

No doubt Westad would have been informed that Apia had built a squad on paper that appears to be loaded with potential and promise.

Westad may also have been overawed by the fact that Apia was streamlining all before them in the NSW Ampol Cup - although Apia did not out of the Cup two days later when beaten by Sydney City 1-0 in a semi-final.

But on Friday night Westad knew only that Apia was in form - having strung together four wins in a row, plus a draw - with Andy Scott notching seven goals in the past two outings.

Forde didn't take long to notice that Rampanti and Richards were sitting on the bench.

Former Westad coach **Jim Taylor** played young Socceros captain **Ian Rowden** and **Brian O'Donnell** - instead of his two experienced senior players.

Forde soon changed his tactics accordingly when he saw that Apia was playing a style of play that lacks a set style of play and teamwork.

Admittedly, Apia started confidently and were a little unlucky when Apia scored as early as the fifth minute when a screaming 20 metre drive from full-back **Ron Skellern** was brilliantly punched over the bar by keeper **Martin Crook**.

The new PSJ did maintained the initiative and just three minutes later a header from Scott, following a pass from **Terry Butler** on the left, was cleared off the line by **Brian Reynolds**.

Apia continued to surge forward and their pressure only resulted in them gaining 11 corners to Westad's two in the first 35 minutes - but with little to show for their efforts.

Apia persisted in pumping aimless high crosses in the general direction of Scott, who was completely outplayed in the air and on the ground by David Jones.

On the rare occasions Jones failed to keep Scott in check, **Kambas** and **Crook** were on hand to catch the numerous and never dangerous crosses aimed at Scott's head.

Apia's inability to change their tactics was fully utilised by Westad, who were slowly beginning to gain confidence - finally realising that their opponents lacked penetration.

Westad notched their winning goal five minutes before half-time when a pinpoint cross from **Zervae** on the right was headed home by Gordon McCulloch two metres out.

Apia persisted with their tactics, while Westad began to gain their composure, showing glimpses of the form that saw them storming home in the second half of last season's premiership to a magnificent tie victory.

The debut of Rampanti was eagerly awaited by the healthy crowd of more than 6000.

He replaced O'Donnell late in the second half.

In his short period on the field, Rampanti produced some clever touches, but he alone could not lift an Apia side that simply at this stage of the season lacked cohesion in midfield and up front.

Westad despatched the two points - and going on their second half performances against Apia, there is no doubt they will once again be one of the leading contenders for the title.

CANBERRA 3
MARCONI 1

Scorers: Canberra: Fielding, Byrnes, Davies; Marconi: Jankovic.
Ground: Bruce Stadium, Canberra.
Crowd: 6,680.
Weather: Sunny with gusty wind.
Referee: Ken Allen, 7.
Cautions: Jankovic.

Nearly 7,000 Canberra City fans saw their team humble Marconi 3-1 in the first round of the Philips League.

RANGERS STILL ALIVE DESPITE COLGNE LOSS

West Germany's Cologne and Glasgow Rangers of Scotland opened a week of frenzied soccer action in Europe with a pulsating clash in Cologne.

Europe's top club competition, the European Cup, had reached its quarter-final stages and Cologne grabbed a 1-0 first leg lead in front of its home fans, thanks to a 57th minute goal from international striker Dieter Mueller.

The West German champions streamed forward in a desperate search for more goals but Rangers held on grimly and must fancy their chances of reaching the last four, when the second leg is played next week.

Austria Wien and England's Nottingham Forest gained decisive home victories in their European Cup matches but both teams left it to the final minutes.

The Austrian Champions were drawing 1-1 against East Germany's Dynamo Dresden with only four minutes left before **Zach** and **Walter Schachner** scored in the 87th and 90th minutes.

Dynamo had stunned the Austrian crowd by grabbing the lead early in the match, although the dangerous Schachner equalised quickly.

Forest's fans were all aligned when Swiss champions Grasshoppers Zurich swept ahead through **Claudio Sulzer**, his 10th goal in five European Cup matches.

The English club's ambitions of succeeding Liverpool as the holder of Europe's top club trophy seemed to be fading fast, but Forest fought back to triumph 4-1.

Archie Gemmill and defender **Larry Lloyd** adding the third and fourth goals just before the final whistle.

EUROPEAN CUP
In Nottingham: Nottingham Forest (England) 4 Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland) 1 (1-1)
In Vienna: Austria Wien (Austria) 3 Dynamo Dresden (East Germany) 1 (1-1)
In Cologne: FC Cologne (W. Germany) 1 Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 0 (0-0)
In Krakow: Wisla Krakow (Poland) 2 Malmo (Sweden) 1 (1-1)
CUP WINNERS CUP
In Dusseldorf: Fortuna Dusseldorf (West Germany) 0 Servette Geneva (Switzerland) 0.
In Ipswich: Ipswich (England) 2 Barcelona (Spain) 1 (0-0)
In Milan: Inter Milan (Italy) 0 SK Beveren (Belgium) 0
In Magdeburg: Magdeburg (East Germany) 2 Bankil Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) 1 (2-0).
UEFA CUP
In West Berlin: Hertha Berlin (West Germany) 1 Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) 1 (0-1).
In Manchester: Manchester City (England) 1 Borussia Monchengladbach (West Germany) 1 (1-0).
In Belgrade: Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 1 West Bromwich Albion (England) 0.
In Budapest: Honved Budapest (Hungary) 2 MSV Duisburg (West Germany) 3 (1-1).

Forest's early goals came from **Gary Birtles** and a **John Robertson** penalty.
In the other European Cup quarter-final match, Poland's Wisla Krakow also recovered from being a goal down at home to beat Swedish part-timers Malmo 2-1.
Tommy Hansson shot Malmo ahead in the 13th minute, midfielder ace **Adam Nawalka** equalised, and **Kazimierz Kmiecik** popped home the winner in the 85th minute — another heart-stopping match for the home supporters.
Wisla faces a tough second leg.
All the quarter-final first legs

series of knee operations since being injured in Bayern's 1976 European Cup final against Leeds United.
He is at present on loan to Nuernberg, but will return to his new managerial post at Bayern at the end of the season.

contract with Barcelona will then have expired.
Still only 27, Neeskens is bound to attract attention of several top English clubs.

Birmingham's 19-year-old full back **Pat van den Hauwe** who came to live in England at the age of five, is eligible for national service in Belgium.
But Pat is likely to apply for British nationality to enable him to not only stay here but optimistically be available for England when he fully matures.

Queens Park Rangers chairman, commenting on the fact his club sold keeper **Phil Parkes** for \$65,000 pounds to West Ham, says there is now a super-league within the English First Division, with the rest just battling to stay in it. And of course he includes QPR as one of the battlers.

It is reported that Third Division Italian club — Livorno is up for sale at 400,000 pounds including players and manager.

Tipped as the new Pele. That's 18-year-old striker **Diego Maradona** of Argentine juniors. He will play for his country in the Junior World Cup to be staged in Japan.
Ricardo Villa, who with his World Cup team-mate **Oswaldo Ardiles** cost Tottenham Hotspurs 700,000 pounds and who has not exactly turned up trumps so far, said recently "I'm no cheat" and "I'm not here to defraud the fans of Tottenham Hotspur". Villa who has been plagued with ligament trouble is determined to make it and fulfil his three year contract. He still owns a cattle ranch in Buenos Aires.

ties were fought out in the Cup Winners' Cup and European Football Union (UEFA) Cup.
Pride of place in the Cup Winners' Cup went to tiny Swiss side Servette Geneva, which took on Fortuna Dusseldorf in West Germany and managed a goalless draw.

Dusseldorf failed to break down the Swiss defence and a night of misery for the West German club culminated in the 83rd minute when **Gerd Zimmernann** blazed a penalty high over the bar.

East Germany's Magdeburg and Ipswich of England both scraped 2-1 home wins in the same competition, Magdeburg defeating Czechoslovakia's Bank Ostrava and Ipswich beating Spain's Barcelona.

West Germany's MSV Duisburg pulled off the best result in the UEFA Cup with a 3-2 away win over Hungary's Honved Budapest. **Ronnie Worm** scored twice for Duisburg which was in impressive form.
The two other West German clubs in the last eight of the UEFA Cup both drew. Borussia Monchengladbach, beaten finalist in the 1977 European Cup against Liverpool, travelled to England and held Manchester City to a 1-1 draw.
Hertha Berlin was less impressive, drawing 1-1 at home to Dukla Prague of Czechoslovakia.

Dusan Sasic scored the only goal in Red Star Belgrade's 1-0 win over England's West Bromwich Albion in Yugoslavia.



Gerd Mueller leaps the goalkeeper after scoring for Bayern Munich. Mueller has quit Bayern.

Mueller to America

MUNICH — Gerd Mueller, star striker of West Germany's World Cup winning team of 1974, is quitting European soccer to play for Fort Lauderdale Strikers in the North American Soccer League.

He said that he will travel to the United States for a medical examination this week and will formally join the Strikers on June 1. His 2½ year contract will be worth 350,000 dollars (\$309,000 Aust.), he said.

Mueller, 29, quit the national side after the World Cup triumph. He had scored a record 63 goals in 68 matches for it and is the most prolific scorer in the Bundesliga with 385 goals for Bayern Munich since he joined the club as a teenager 11 years ago.

Marathon talks in Lausanne between FIFA president Jose Havelange and International Olympic Committee officials ironed out the problem.

The result is that football remains on the programme for the 1982 Olympics in Moscow.

A decision by the FIFA Congress of 1978 was the cause of the crisis.

The Congress decided that European and South American players who had taken part in a World Cup should be barred from the Olympics.

The IOC reacted by saying this cut directly across its rules of non-discrimination and eligibility and told FIFA to think again.

FIFA replied that only FIFA Congress could alter Congress decisions and that the next Congress meeting wasn't for another four years.

In other words, the IOC had no choice but to back down.

GAMES ROW ENDS

The crisis over football's continuing participation in the Olympic Games has been overcome.

Nairobi voodoo eggs

NAIROBI — a beheaded black chicken and a number of eggs dug from the pitch of a leading Nairobi soccer club are believed to be talismans of witchcraft, a team official said this week.
Players, officials and fans of the Gor Mahia club trooped round the pitch digging them up during a practice match.
The official added that it was not possible to say whether the chicken and eggs has caused Gor Mahia's poor start to the league season.

HOENESS TO LEAD BAYERN

MUNICH — Uli Hoeness, capped 31 times for West Germany and a key member of the great team that won the 1972 European championship and the 1974 World Cup, is to become manager of Bayern Munich.

Hoeness, 27, has had a

Rivelino invests in oil stations

From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

George Blues, the Scottish winger who gave good service to APIA and the Socceros a good few years ago, is now coaching the kids in Kuwait where the top coach is **Dave Mackay** that great Scot who made his mark with Hearts, Spurs and Derby. He played many times for Scotland and suffered two broken legs in his playing career.

When the great Brazilian **Roberto Rivelino** was transferred from Fluminense to the Saudia Arabian club El Ahli he collected one million dollars.

Now he has bought a chain of 30 petrol stations back in his home country.
Former Scotland manager **Ally McLeod** has put 12 players up for sale at Motherwell including **Paul Wilson** (ex-Celtic) and **Mike Larnach**, both strikers who cost the club 60,000 pounds apiece less than a year ago when **Roger Hynd** was then manager. Wilson will be remembered as starring for Celtic in the international tournament in Australia in 1977.



Dusan Savic of Red Star. He scored his team's winner against West Bromwich Albion.

AEK top with Mavros' goals

ATHENS — Thomas Mavros of AEK, with 14 goals, was top scorer in Greece at the half-way mark of the championship.

His team-mate **Dusan Bajevic**, former Yugoslav international, was running second with 10 goals.
AEK was first in the competition, a point ahead of Aris Salonika and Olympiakos, with Panathinaikos and POAK Salonika seven points further behind.

Olympiakos remains the most popular club, with an average gate of 24,293. Next is Panathinaikos with 15,330 and AEK with 13,166.

Coutinho stays

Contrary to expectations, **Claudio Coutinho** has been retained as national coach of Brazil for this year's South American championship.

Groups for the championship are:
Group One: Columbia, Chile, Venezuela.
Group Two: Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia.
Group Three: Uruguay, Paraguay, Ecuador.
Winners qualify for the semi-finals together with defending champion Peru. Group matches have to be completed by September 30.

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Potter, Kondarios, Maher, Maher,

Only five players haven't missed a PSL league game over the past two seasons.

George Potter (Brisbane City, ex Brisbane Lions), Jim Kondarios (Footscray), Alan Maher (Marconi), Mike Pye (South Melbourne) and Col Curran (Newcastle KB Utd) are the ever-presents.

Pye and Curran only just scrape in for inclusion on the list. Pye played 25 matches in 1977, but last season was involved in a substitution. This gave him a tally of 25 games plus one as sub.

Curran was in the same position. He played 26 matches (a full league season) with Western Suburbs in 1977, then completed 25 with one substitution with his new club Newcastle KB Utd.

Players on 51 games are Jim Rooney (Fitzroy Utd, then Marconi), Paul Degney (Marconi), Tony Henderson (Marconi, then Canberra City) and Henry Mowbray (Sydney City).

Free-spending South Melbourne used the greatest number of players over the past two seasons. Souths used 37 different men, compared with Marconi, which used only 22 in the first two seasons of the PSL, the lowest figure.

Sydney Olympic, which used 35 players, has the second highest player turnover rate.

Total appearances of players for PSL league matches 1977-78.

★ Legend — P — in starting line-up sub — substitute or substituted.

	1977		1978		TOTAL
	P	Sub	P	Sub	
Brian Northcote	25	1	23	2	48
John Perin	25	0	20	4	45
Fred Yung	25	0	15	6	40
Gary Marocchi	24	0	11	7	35
Zoran Matic	24	0	10	3	34
John Nyskohus	23	1	24	0	47
Rogor Romanowicz	23	0	4	3	27
Frank Lister	20	0	23	2	43
Sergio Melita	19	2	3	5	22
Dixie Deans	19	0	10	1	29
Agenor Muniz	17	1	10	6	27
David Leers	15	3	0	0	15
Ron Fraser	15	1	0	0	15
Bugsy Nyskohus	4	1	26	0	30
Peter Marshall	3	2	19	3	22
John Besir	2	3	18	1	20
Ian DiBartolo	1	5	0	0	1
Ian Bendall	0	2	0	0	2
Phil Russo	0	2	1	1	3
John Pope	0	0	1	0	1
Danny Dance	0	0	1	3	1
Graham Fyfe	0	0	2	1	2
Henry Kolecki	0	0	5	3	5
John Kosmina	0	0	3	1	3
Robert Marve	0	0	8	8	8
Pat McCaskie	0	0	2	1	2
Jim Muir	0	0	9	3	9
Dave Rigby	0	0	5	2	5

Total players used: 28.

BRISBANE LIONS

	1977		1978		TOTAL
	P	Sub	P	Sub	
George Potter	26	0	26	0	52
Paul Laszlo	25	1	15	8	40
John Neale	25	1	24	2	49
Ian Fagan	24	2	0	0	24
Phil Dando	23	1	0	0	23
Col Bennett	23	0	23	0	46
Geoff Morris	22	1	11	6	33
Ian Park	22	1	0	0	22
Alan Neven	21	2	17	1	38
Eddy Speeritt	16	0	12	6	28
Leon Wilson	13	1	13	0	26
Roy Drinkwater	9	1	0	0	9
Alan Hughes	8	1	22	4	30
Tom Vernables	7	5	2	3	9
Alan Murray	7	1	0	0	7
Willie Henderson	6	1	0	0	6
Roddy McKenzie	4	0	4	4	8
Ian Lawrie	3	2	1	4	6
John Wilkinson	3	0	0	0	3
Lazlo Koraknal	2	2	0	0	2
Ron Harland	2	1	0	0	2
John Ogden	2	0	2	3	4



George Potter, the former Brisbane Lions defender who has transferred to Brisbane City.

	1977		1978		TOTAL
	P	Sub	P	Sub	
Garry Walker	2	1	0	0	2
Charles Dench	1	0	0	0	1
Steve Ames	0	0	12	9	12
Barry Fairbrother	0	0	13	5	13
Jim Hermiston	0	0	26	0	26
Nigel Lowds	0	0	22	1	22
Paul Ontong	0	0	9	6	9
Graham Wilson	0	0	2	4	2

Total players used: 30.

BRISBANE CITY

	1977		1978		TOTAL
	P	Sub	P	Sub	
Larry Gaffney	26	0	23	3	49
Peter Tokasi	26	0	23	0	49
Ian Rathmell	26	0	9	3	35
Frank Pimblett	25	0	15	5	40
Oswaldo Borzi	25	0	0	0	25
Roberto Echevarria	23	0	16	5	39
John Coyne	20	5	10	9	30
Jim Hermiston	20	0	0	0	20
Willie Conner	17	6	9	8	26
Kevin Caldwell	15	9	16	7	31
Ian Johnston	15	0	6	10	21
Brian Kibbey	14	2	17	4	31
John Lavelle	12	1	7	4	19
Craig Wallace	9	1	0	1	9
Karl Hardie	4	4	0	0	4
Tom McLeod	3	4	0	0	3
Ian Perry	3	0	0	0	3
Peter Nielsen	2	0	0	0	2
Ron Kidd	0	2	0	0	2
Bob Barlow	0	0	2	0	2
Mark Brossasco	0	0	3	0	3
Steve Clarke	0	0	2	0	2
Ian Fagan	0	0	7	2	7
Eusebio Itanaz	0	0	5	0	5
Savro Iozelli	0	0	11	0	11
Barry Kelso	0	0	6	2	6
Alan Marley	0	0	15	4	15
Steve Perry	0	0	25	0	25
Dave Ratcliffe	0	0	4	0	4
George Williamson	0	0	1	0	1
Kim Wishart	0	0	24	0	24

Total players used: 31.

CANBERRA CITY

	1977		1978		TOTAL
	P	Sub	P	Sub	
John Brown	26	0	18	1	44
Tony Henderson	25	0	26	0	51
Ivan Grujicic	25	0	16	6	41
Danny Moulis	25	0	17	1	32
Brian Stoddart	22	0	14	2	36
Nick Boskov	21	0	0	0	21
Jim Cant	20	0	22	1	42
Roy Stark	19	0	24	1	43
Ron Tilson	17	0	24	0	41
Steve Hogg	14	3	12	5	26
Alan Bourke	14	0	0	0	14
Adrian Alston	10	0	0	0	10
John Stoddard	9	0	0	0	9
Malcolm Haynes	9	0	0	0	9
Keni Kawaleve	8	3	4	2	12
Dave O'Connor	7	2	0	0	7
Mike Black	6	3	0	0	6
Vic Farnace	4	0	0	0	4
John Davies	2	1	14	4	16
Luis Salgado	2	0	3	0	5
Oscar Langone	2	0	0	0	2
Steve Kajaza	1	0	0	0	1
Greg Willett	0	3	0	0	3
Terry Burns	0	0	20	3	20
Ken Henderson	0	0	0	2	0
Ian Heywood	0	0	11	8	11
Dave Lindenmayer	0	0	2	0	2
Bernard Lustica	0	0	3	0	3
Peter Marino	0	0	11	0	11

Newcastle lea

Official PSL attendance figures for 1977-78.

	1977		1978	
	Total	Aver.	Total	Aver.
1. Newcastle KB Utd	99,732	7,671	109,675	8,436
2. Adelaide City	71,779	5,521	72,564	5,581
3. West Adelaide	57,700	4,438	83,261	6,404
4. South Melbourne	65,000	5,000	85,020	6,540
5. Fitzroy Utd	42,952	3,304	61,800	4,750
6. Marconi	70,152	5,396	46,350	3,561
7. Brisbane City	48,482	3,729	45,259	3,481
8. Sydney Olympic	23,150	1,780	67,800	5,211
9. Canberra City	50,200	3,861	38,440	2,951
10. Brisbane Lions	38,700	2,976	33,800	2,600
11. Footscray	25,936	1,995	27,830	2,141
12. St. George	26,338	2,026	24,053	1,851
13. Sydney City	22,072	1,697	20,546	1,581
14. Western Suburbs	13,450	1,084	—	—
15. Mooroolbark Utd	—	—	—	—

COMBINED TOTAL..... 1,448,146 61
COMBINED AVERAGE..... 3,978

Figures breakdown for each city.

	1977		1978	
	Total	Aver.	Total	Aver.
1. Newcastle	171,511	6,596	155,825	5,991
2. Adelaide	120,352	4,628	84,790	3,261
3. Brisbane	174,850	3,362	180,620	4,631
4. Melbourne	23,150	1,780	67,800	5,211
5. Canberra	165,780	2,550	193,793	2,981
6. Sydney	—	—	—	—

Mike Milovanovic	0	0	15	0	15	0
Gary Parker	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phil Reis	0	0	0	1	0	1

Total players used: 32.

FITZROY UTD.

	1977		1978		TOTAL
	P	Sub	P	Sub	
Branko Buljevic	26	0	17	5	43
Pat Bannon	26	0	22	5	48
Peter Blasby	26	0	19	0	45
Gary Cole	24	1	25	1	49
Jim O'Reilly	22	2	24	0	46
Ken Taylor	22	1	22	2	44
Arthur McWilliam	20	0	25	0	45
Bob Provan	19	1	24	0	43
Jim Campbell	18	2	24	2	42
Andrew Bouzkas	16	6	17	6	33
Jim Tansey	16	3	25	0	41
Mike Glykokalamos	13	1	0	0	13
Nick Rakovolis	8	4	2	1	10
Vince Bannon	8	2	0	0	8
George Gillan	6	1	0	0	6
Alex Nelson	5	0	0	0	5
Jim McMorran	5	0	0	0	5
Joe Tront	4	4	1	1	5
Ulysses Kokkinos	0	3	0	0	3
Theo Selemidis	0	1	6	6	7
Bill Whiteside	0	1	0	0	1
Doug Hay	0	0	0	3	3
Jim Morriev	0	0	7	0	7
Mike Marcevski	0	0	5	13	5

Total players used: 24.

FOOTSCRAY

	1977		1978		TOTAL
	P	Sub	P	Sub	
Jim Kondarios	26	0	26	0	52
Jim Kriaris	26	0	19	1	45
Dennis Boland	26	0	18	1	44
Joe Polinkas	25	0	17	4	42
Joe Piccione	26	0	21	3	47
Mando Ristovski	22	0	18	4	40
Andy Kazi	21	0	14	4	35
Jim Milne	19	1	0	0	19
Mirko Rujovic	18	5	17	6	35
Zoran Ilieski	17	2	26	0	43
Alan Parrott	17	1	2	0	19
Frank Micic	15	3	0	0	15
John Nicolaides	6	4	13	7	19
Andrija Ristic	5	2	4	1	9
Dragan Vasic	5	0	9	11	14
Charlie Smith	3	1	0	0	3
Zdravko Borovnica	2	0	0	0	2
Dragan Nikitovic	2	0	0	0	2
Stretos Adamgikis	0	6	0	0	6
Mirko Litvin	0	2	0	0	2
Zdravko Belic	0	0	1	0	1
Igor Hazabent	0	0	21	1	21
Zdravko Lujic	0	0	23	0	23
John Martin	0	0	5	3	5
Bobby McGuinness	0	0	0	3	3
Mike O'Hara	0	0	7	1	7

Total players used: 26.

SYDNEY CITY

	1977		1978		TOTAL
	P	Sub	P	Sub	
John Stevenson	26	0	23	1	49
Henry Mowbray	26	0	28	0	51



Pye, Curran — the stalwarts

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AGGREGATE
Total Aver.
109,675 8,436
172,296 6,626
155,040 5,963
142,720 5,489
126,800 4,876
119,057 4,579
116,502 4,480
93,741 3,605
90,950 3,498
88,640 3,409
72,500 2,788
53,766 2,067
50,391 1,938
42,618 1,639
13,450 1,084

77 1978
543 792,503
502 4,354

AGGREGATE
Total Aver.
109,675 8,436
327,336 6,294
205,142 3,945
355,470 3,904
90,950 3,498
359,574 2,765

0	24	2	48	2
0	0	0	23	0
1	7	4	29	5
1	21	1	43	2
1	21	2	43	3
0	25	0	47	0
1	22	1	40	1
3	24	1	41	4
2	0	0	16	2
2	1	2	11	4
0	0	0	11	0
0	0	0	7	0
0	0	0	5	0
0	23	0	28	0
0	0	0	5	0
9	13	0	3	9
3	1	1	2	4
0	3	0	6	0
0	18	5	18	5
0	2	1	2	1
0	1	2	1	2
0	8	3	8	3
0	14	3	14	3
0	0	1	0	1
0	4	4	4	4

77	1978	TOTAL
Sub	P Sub	P Sub
9	1	35
24	1	50
23	1	49
26		52
26		51
26		51
8	2	33



Footscray J.U.S.T.'s herculean centre back Jim Kondarios.

Ernie Campbell	22	1	22	1
Bertie Mariani	16	5	22	4
John Russell	16	1	22	3
Barry Jones	15	2	15	9
Stuart Robertson	12	3	14	3
Les Hucker	8	3	8	3
Roberto Vieri	7	1	22	2
Raul Carrizo	3	3	3	3
Stewart Selvaage	2	1	5	5
Richie Williams	2	3	3	5
Mike Berry	1	3	1	3
Peter Brogan	5	4	5	4
Lelaine Domingo	2	2	2	2
Mark Jankovics	16	5	16	5
Peter Ollerton	10	10	10	10

MOOROOLBARK UNITED

1977	P Sub
Geoff Ontong	23
Paul Ontong	22
Alan Pongho	22
Max Irwin	21
Peter Vaughan	21
Dave Rigby	17
Gordon McGregor	16
Pat Lowrey	15
Walter Bojczuk	14
Paul Wilding	13
Joe Tront	13
Barrie Fairbrother	12
Mike Clarey	11
Brian Thom	11
Lou Ivanoff	9
Dave Ellis	8
Paul O'Riley	8
Nick Lowe	6
Derek Bailey	6
Ian Williamson	5
Mike Sinclair	5
Terry Hawke	4
Mike Shuttleworth	3
Mal Hayward	2
Paul Priestley	1
Eugene McConville	1

NEWCASTLE KB UTD

1978	P Sub
Bill Amey	15
Ken Boden	26
Stav Catalowski	4
Bobby Charlton	1
Col Curran	25
Phil Dando	26
Roy Drinkwater	25
Neil Endacott	8
Mike Galpin	20
Lloyd Hards	10
Craig Johnstone	8
Peter Kay	1
Craig Mason	25
Bob Mountford	9
Joe Senkalski	1
John Sneddon	7
Bill Summerscales	25

Peter Tredinnick	7	6
John Turnbull	1	
Alan Vest	1	
Peter Willie	25	

Total players used: 21

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

	1977	1978	TOTAL
	P Sub	P Sub	P Sub
Ray Bothman	26	3	26
Gary Meier	26	23	49
Joe Senkalski	25	4	29
Mike Cross	23	1	25
Paul Luckett	22	2	15
Don Allen	21	4	10
George Gibson	19		19
Greg Allen	18	1	9
Dave McIntosh	18	23	41
Richie Bell	13	11	24
Bernie Cullerton	13		13
Bill Palmer	12	2	14
Chris Themmidis	11	6	1
Alex Jamieson	11	24	35
Bill Pirie	8	1	7
Peter Raskopoulos	7	1	2
Greg Lynch	5		5
Tony Ikononou	4	3	4
Brian Parker	2	1	2
Ken Wilson	1	4	10
Bill Kardambis	4		4
Lazaros Paraskovos	3		3
Neil Malone	1		1
Jim Izatt	1		1
Mike Drossos	1		1
Alan Ainslie		23	3
Nick Constantinou		1	1
Paul Coton		1	1
Con Davourlis		7	1
Jim Harron		2	2
Herc Karakostas		3	3
John Karaspyros		1	1
Derek Laing		25	1
Stuart Markland		17	3
Bill Stravopodis		2	4

Total players used: 35

ST GEORGE

	1977	1978	TOTAL
	P Sub	P Sub	P Sub
John O'Shea	25	22	1
Phil O'Connor	23	2	23
Rudolfo Gnavl	23	2	9
Rob O'Shea	23	1	15
Mark Jankovics	23		23
George Harris	23		25
Brendan Grosse	22	2	23
Neville Morgan	17	6	21
Harry Williams	17	2	17
Martin Coe	17		24
Paul Coton	13		13
Fred Altken	11	6	11
Dave McQuire	9		9
Willie Hamilton	8	2	8
Doug Utjesenovic	7	2	20
Peter Hensman	6	5	13
Charlie George	5	2	5
Peter Terry	4		17
Emery Holmak	2	1	2
Carlos Mendez	2	1	6
Roberto Echeverria	1		1
Mike O'Shea	1	5	3
Isidoro Acosta		1	1
Mark Barton		1	1
Ray Clemence		2	2
Ralph Costes		10	1
Michael Dale		1	1
Zoran Djuricic		1	10
Paul Jones		13	3
Paul Kay		3	2
Michael Rendell		1	1
Rafael Tonanez		2	2
Jun Vlassis		1	1

Total players used: 33

SOUTH MELBOURNE

	1977	1978	TOTAL
	P Sub	P Sub	P Sub
Mike Pye	25	25	1
Arthur Zanthopoulos	25		25
Chris Kalafatis	24	22	1
Jack Reilly	24	10	34
Ian Gibson	21	1	21
Peter Ollerton	21	11	32
John Daperis	21		21
Margaritis			
Hagaganeuil	20	3	26
Graham French	18	5	18
Bill Rogers	16	24	2
Chris Kent	15	2	12
John Gardiner	14		14
Anten Dezan	10	3	10
Noel Mitten	8		8
Jim Alexiou	6	6	6
Duncan Cummings	6	1	21
Malcolm Macdonald	3		3
George Bozitis	2		2
Lou Tsigaris	2		2
Malcolm Manly	2		2
Jim Mackay	1		1
Reno Lin	1		1
Stuart Baxter	24	1	24

Billy Bergman	1	1
George Campbell	13	1
George Christopoulos	11	2
Alan Evans	7	7
John Hanson	18	16
Steve Kakantonis	1	2
Kyriakos Kyriakoulas	2	2
Bertie Lutton	20	2
Frank Munro	5	5
Bobby McGuinness	2	3
Socrates Nicolaidis	1	1
Peter Vaughan	1	1
Sammy Wright	22	2

Total players used: 37

WEST ADELAIDE

	1977	1978	TOTAL
	P Sub	P Sub	P Sub
David Jones	25	24	49
Barry Reynolds	24	25	49
John Kosmina	23		23
Ian McGregor	23	21	2
Lucky Vagianos	22	1	3
Neil McGachey	22		26
Steve Ames	21	2	21
Martyn Crook	20	1	25
Gordon McCulloch	18	1	1
Dave Pillans	18	11	2
Peter Boyle	16	2	23
Graham Honeyman	15	2	22
Alex Zervas	8	3	6
Ted DeLyster	3		3
Sam Service	6	1	6
Graeme Souness	5		5
Nick Pantells	4	6	1
Richard Yeeles	4	1	4
George Koulianos	2		3
John Batchelor	1	1	1
John Krytikos	5	5	5
Alan Bourke	1	1	1
Vic Bozanic	20	5	20
Eric Carruthers	2	2	2
Con Kambas	20	1	20
Graham Norris	14	8	14
Peter Tymczyszyn	16	3	16
Uros Zivkovic	1	2	1

Total players used: 28

WESTERN SUBURBS

	1977	1978	TOTAL
	P Sub	P Sub	P Sub
Col Curran	26		26
Terry Eaton	26	10	36
Peter Wilson	25	20	1
Peter Stone	25	25	50
Steve Perry	24	1	24
Dave Harding	24	26	50
Clive Eaton	23	1	26
Bob Noble	22	7	3
Graham Norris	21		21
Alan Ainslie	19	1	19
Bob Fryer	13		13
Lloyd Hards	9	1	9
Warren Turnbull	8	2	26
Ken Lindsay	6		6
Ian Moores	5		5
Pat Lowrey	3	2	3
Allan Fisher	2	1	10
Mike Berry	1		1
Brian Dodd	1	4	5
Mark Samuels	1	2	6
Ian Rowden	1	16	5
Wally Lachowicz	1	6	1
Greg Aukindinnoff		3	3
Barry Campbell		3	1
Mark Davies		1	1
Rob Drevs		2	2
Brian O'Donnell		24	2
Andy Scott		10	6
Red Skellern		23	1
John Vernon		9	9
Greg Woodhouse		9	1



Newcastle's Col Curran clears. Behind is Roy Drinkwater.

CROYDON 2 SUNSHINE 1

Scorers: Croydon: Lowrey 20th, Hamilton 68th;
Sunshine: D. Nelson 51st.
Ground: Olympic Park.
Weather: Mild.
Crowd: About 400 (double headed).
Referee: Tom Stirling 7.

Ratings:
CROYDON: Edwards 7 - Spink 6.5, Sinclair 6.5, Pongho 7, Hobson 7.5 - Brogan 6.5, Lowrey 7, Smith 7 - Tront 7, Hamilton 6, Wylie 8. Total: 76.

SUNSHINE: Scholten 6 - Dizay 7, Lowe 8, Ellis 6, Howe 7 - Mussel 8.5, R. Nelson 7.5, McNally 4 (Paisley 50th) - Cook 4 (Marovic 50th), Laing 6, D. Nelson 8. Total: 69.

Missing injured Jim McRobert and suspended Stewart Gilmour, Sunshine City put up an admirable fight, with Nick Lowe sweeping up extremely well, full backs Mick Dixey and Hugh Howe as tough as nails and Rob Nelson also doing sound defensive work in midfield.

But when it came to going forward, Sunshine could offer only Dave Nelson as a danger man while Croydon had Jim Wylie playing very well, Joe Tront holding the ball confidently and playing short through passes, Roy Hamilton posing a constant threat in the air and Pat Lowrey threatening danger with his accuracy on the ball.

The revelation of the Croydon team was left back Gary Hobson, son of former Ringwood and Croydon coach Norm Hobson, the long-serving Shrewsbury player who came to Australia some years ago to join Mooroolbark.

Hobson is strong, fast and fearless. His defensive qualities are good, so now he can concentrate on developing his attacking play down the flank. Sunshine had the first scoring chance when Dave Nelson took advantage of a defender's mistake inside the box and launched a shot that Mick Edwards managed to knock clear.

Croydon opening the scoring when Jim Wylie won the ball from Steve Ellis and squared it to Lowrey who rammed it home first-time on the volley.

Quarter of an hour after half time, Sunshine coach Bill Walsh replaced youngster John McNally and reserve Nick Cook with Paisley and Marovic, and the equaliser came only a minute later, when Dave Nelson ripped into the box and managed to hook the ball over Edwards, into the empty net, with the Croydon defence stranded.

Dave Nelson was away again on a long through ball but Hobson, showing speed and reading the game well, cut acrossfield to catch Nelson and take the ball from him with a sliding tackle, just as all seemed lost for Croydon.

Duncan Smith hit the post with a long shot in the 62nd minute, and the ball bounced out to Hamilton who missed the open goal, with keeper John Scholten on the ground.

Smith was in the thick of things again four minutes from the end when he crossed to the far post where Hamilton rose to head home the winner.

-LAURIE SCHWAB

SUNSHINE 1 ALTONA 2 a.e.t.

Scorers: Altona: Taylor 30th & 84th; Sunshine: Laing 32nd.
Ground: Kim Reserve, Altona.
Weather: Hot and sunny.
Referee: Lou Hemmes 7.
Cautions: Howe (Sun).
Ratings:
ALTONA: van der Poel 7.5 - Lovell 6.5, Gramsbergen 6.5, (K. Wilson 70th), Kelly 7, O. Train 6 - Hird 5 (Dimovski 6 half time), Murray 6.5, Watters 6 - T. Benagan 6, Little 7, Taylor 7. Total: 72.

SUNSHINE: Connell 6 - Dizay 6.5, Lowe 8, Ellis 6, Howe 7.5 - R. Nelson 8, Mussel 8.5, Esposito 5 (Marovic 70th) - Laing 7.5 (injured, McNally 57th), Gilmour 8.5, D. Nelson 7.5. Total: 73.5.

Having notched its first victory of the year, Altona is now looking forward to the arrival of Robert Craw, a forward from Scottish junior league football. Craw, a nephew of Altona's all-time great Ian Hyndas, is from Boness United. He is the first overseas player for whom Altona has had to pay a transfer fee.

Altona's left back George Train started the first dangerous move against Sunshine, bringing the ball forward and crossing to Net Little whose shot to the far post was held by Alan Connell, playing in place of Sunshine's regular goalkeeper, John Scholten who was on the bench.

At the other end, hard-working Wm Laing played a square ball which was being for someone to tap it into the net but the Sunshine forwards, as well as the Altona backs, could not get to it.

Sunshine tried again with a great run by Dave Nelson, followed by a cut-back to Laing whose shot bounced across the face of goal before Hans van der Poel caught up to the lead on the half-hour. Bob Taylor is the man who put it into the net, after an attempt by Little had been unsuccessful.

It took Sunshine only two minutes to equalise. Dave Nelson dashed down the line and crossed to his brother Rob who headed goalwards. Laing chased the ball, got to it before van der Poel, who was slow to react, and poked it into the net.

Chris Dimovski replaced Harry Hird for Altona at half time and upon resumption van der Poel made a series of excellent saves when he dashed out to the corner of the penalty area to dive at the foot of Laing.

Laing was injured a little later and had to be replaced by young John McNally.

Rob Gramsbergen, in his first game after injury, made a match-saving clearance when he slammed the ball away from Frank Mussel who had turned to face goal after bringing the ball down on his chest.

And at the other end, Sunshine's solid sweeper Nick Lowe stopped rampaging Pat Taylor with a tenacious sliding tackle in the goal area.

McNally stormed away down the left wing for Sunshine, got past George Train and crossed a fine ball for Stewart Gilmour whose outstretched foot just failed to connect, and moments later van der Poel was again forced out to the corner of the area to dive at Gilmour's feet.

At the end of ordinary time, Kevin Wilson came on for Gramsbergen and Keith Murray dropped back into the defence from midfield.

Dennis Marovic, certainly the tallest teenager in Victorian soccer, replaced Andy Esposito for Sunshine.

Sunshine was first to attack, with Dave Nelson hitting a powerful shot on the volley, but van der Poel caught it - on his throat.

Bob Taylor scored the winning goal in the 84th minute, receiving a long ball at the edge of the penalty area and slipping it past advancing van der Poel, into the net off the bottom of the post.

-LAURIE SCHWAB

CROYDON 2 HAKOAH 1

Scorers: Rigby (H) 17th, Hamilton (C) 55th, Doean (H) own goal 57th.
Ground: Croydon Park.
Crowd: 900 (double headed).
Weather: Hot.
Referee: Chris Bambridge 7.
Ratings:
CROYDON CITY: Edwards 7, Spink 7, McCombe 8, Pongho 8, Sinclair 6, Smith 7, Tront 8, Brogan 6, Lowrey 7, Hamilton 7, Wylie 7. Total: 74.

HAKOAH ST. KILDA: Whiteside 7, Daperis 6, Doean 7, Gadsby 7, Rakovavali 6, Baker 51st min., Gibson 7, Rigby 7, Jordanou 7, French 6, Nagy 6, Blair 6 (Bozounovski 51st min.). Total: 72.

Croydon City made sure of a berth in the Ampol Cup semi-finals with victory over Hakoah, in a game which could easily be a dress rehearsal for the final.

Despite the defeat, its first in the season's competition, Hakoah showed control and power enough to suggest it will progress through the semi-finals.

In fact, the loss could be a blessing for coach, Frank Miclo. The pressure associated with an unbeaten run has been lifted, and the players have been given some incentive to win this Friday night.

Hakoah is probably the best footballing team in the State League at present. It plays a possession game with confidence and purpose.

The short passing and inter-changing of players makes Hakoah an attractive team. Unlike many other teams, who can push the ball around in their own half, but struggle once in the opponents half, Hakoah has the players to be able to play this style all over the ground.

But who's to say Croydon hasn't got just as many skilful players? The likes of Pat Lowrey, Joe Tront and Jim Wylie are as skilful as anyone in the league.

Croydon, too, is an attractive team, and probably more exciting to watch than Hakoah. Because Croydon doesn't play a possession game doesn't mean it's an inferior team to Hakoah.

Croydon is a natural attacking team, and looks its best going forward with fast raids.

And once Croydon got some momentum in the second half, it stretched Hakoah, which had looked so composed and steady in the first half.

Hakoah was easily the better team in the first half, but Croydon pounded Hakoah for 20 minutes after half time.

Towards the end, Hakoah came back into the game, but with Croydon 2-1 up and playing with confidence, the scoreline wasn't altered.

In the first half, Dave Rigby aided by Bill Jordanou and Ian Gibson, pretty much controlled the running of the game.

After the interval, it was Tront, with Lowrey, Duncan Smith and Jimmy Spink who were at the controls.

Hakoah's first goal was a great piece of finishing. Rigby pounced on a loose ball on the edge of the Croydon area, and flicked an early ball to winger Les Nagy, cutting full back Mike Sinclair out of the game.

Nagy nipped into the space ahead of him, then neatly tucked the ball back into the path of Rigby. His first time shot from 10 metres had goal written all over it.

Soon after Hakoah came close with a great build up, a ball from defence found Graham French in midfield. He turned and switched the play to Gibson on the right.

An overlap by John Daperis followed by a cross gave French a header at goal, but his effort was just over the bar.

Later a similar move that led to the first goal ended with Rigby hitting over the bar when well-placed.

But in the hectic period after half time, Croydon had more chances to score than Hakoah had in the first half.

The first goal for Croydon by Roy Hamilton pushed the team into top gear.

A cross by Spink bounced in the Hakoah defence, and Hamilton was only too happy to nod home unchallenged.

Soon after, Wylie and Lowrey made in-roads in the Hakoah area before Lowrey hit the ball from the goal line.

Anton Doean, in an effort to clear, deflected the ball past goalkeeper Bill Whiteside, who had gone the other way.

Then, Hamilton had a header tipped over by Whiteside, followed by a Tront shot which ripped into the side netting.

Big Steve McCombe, a menacing figure in the Croydon attack at dead ball situations, came close with a header. — KYLE PATTERSON.



VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP



Ken Murphy (left), the latest Croatia player seeking a transfer, scores the first goal against Frankston goalkeeper Frank Petersen (right), despite a strong challenge by Vince Bannon. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

CROYDON, HAKOAH FOR THE FINAL

By Kyle Patterson

A new name will be engraved on the Victorian Ampol Cup after the final on Saturday night, March 24.

If the semi-finals at Olympic Park this Friday night follow the form book, Croydon City and Hakoah will play off in the final.

Neither club has won the trophy before and for Croydon it is the first time it has competed in the night series.

Of the four semi-finalists, Slavia is the only club to boast prior success in the Ampol Cup. That came in 1967.

But Croydon has the power to defeat Slavia and Hakoah the experience and polish to eliminate Green Gully Ajax.

The return of Alan Pongho has considerably strengthened Croydon's defence, which is backed up by Mick Edwards, fast emerging as a top State League goalkeeper.

Steve McCombe dominates in the air, and Jimmy Spink at right back is a solid and creative defender.

Croydon coach Mike Plunkett may be in doubt about the left back position. He has three contenders — Mike Sinclair, Tom Kelly and youngster Gary Hobson. Sinclair's greater experience should see him retain his spot for the important game, although Hobson is potentially the best of the trio.

If Charlie Kelly can prove his fitness he may challenge Dave Brogan for a place in midfield. That place is the only doubt in midfield where Pat Lowrey, Joe Tront and Duncan Smith complement each other perfectly.

Winger Jim Wylie is starting to find his feet in the State League, and lanky Roy Hamilton is shaping up for another goal-studded season.

Croydon is a steady team with brilliant individuals. Slavia, which had an up-and-down

Ampol Cup run, will have trouble breaking Croydon's rhythm.

Alex McPherson, after an indifferent start, has developed into a safe goalkeeper, but Slavia is still troubled by its left back position.

Mick Shuttleworth lost his spot after playing three Ampol Cup games, and has been replaced by Dave Pye, who doesn't look comfortable in the position.

Centre half Glen Westley is good in the air, so his duel with Hamilton will be even. Sweeper John Yzendoorn uses the ball extremely well, and is brilliant at covering team mates. He will be a stumbling block for Croydon.

But in midfield, Slavia doesn't have the shine of Croydon. Billy Brindle has great ability to pass the ball but doesn't gain possession often enough. The stocky former Everton serves captain in the middle and could do with a loss of weight.

Brian Tuft is purely a defensive player in the middle of the park and although he's one of Slavia's chief motivators, his lack of pace will hinder him against the likes of Tront, Lowrey and Smith.

Jim Train is Slavia's longest-serving player and fights like a bulldog for his team. But he doesn't have the same attacking ability as Tront and Lowrey.

Up front, Slavia is well-stocked. Jamie Paton can be out of the play for half the game, but come off the field with a hat-trick.

Steve Aldridge is a mobile, sharp striker and winger Jim Williams is coming back to his best. His ball skills are superb.

Slavia is no ordinary side but Croydon is an extraordinary team. The difference will tell.

Green Gully hasn't won a game since it thrashed Essendon Croatia 5-1. Signs of tiredness are creeping in, but Ajax can't be written off with players like Billy Vojtek, John Cain and Steve Carr.

These three form the backbone of the Ajax team and much will depend on how much the other players contribute.

Lou Denys is a sound goalkeeper, but full back Joe Thompson and centre back Mick Klarin must tighten up.

John Patten is a fast, tight-covering defender and he may be shifted from left back into the middle.

Vojtek is the dangerman for Ajax, with Ian McCarthy the defensive midfielder. Steve Bennie is likely to hold his place ahead of Willie Vassallo.

Andy Segl must give more. The hefty striker drifts out of the game unless given the service he wants, but will have to work harder against Hakoah's well-organised defence.

Steve Carr is a brilliant player but can't do all the work up front. Dave Perkins must atone for his bad game against Slavia last week.

Hakoah's team is full of class and experience. Bill Whiteside is a top goalkeeper and in the centre of defence Steve Gadsby and Anton Doean are excellent.

Hakoah's full backs Mick Rakovavali and John Daperis tend to overdo it on occasions. Both like to attack, and Ajax could cause problems on the flanks if the pair aren't concentrating on their defensive duties.

Dave Rigby has made a big impact on Hakoah's midfield. Aided by Ian Gibson and brilliant youngster Bill Jordanou, this trio could be the difference between the two sides.

The absence of Mike Clarey has weakened Hakoah's attack. Graham French is a hard-working target man, and Les Nagy has explosive speed. But a goalkeeper is missing. Clarey has the ability, but is out injured.

Coach Frank Miclo has had trouble filling his third strikers' spot. He has tried Gerry Edmondson, Sean Rooney, Branko Bozounovski and recently Stuart Blair, but is yet to find a man to fill the role.

Blair is the most likely.



Bob Taylor (right) scores for Altona against Sunshine goalkeeper Alan Contini.

Murphy shock

Essendon Croatia midfielder Ken Murphy has rocked the club by asking for a transfer.

Murphy, the former Dundee Utd. and Forfar Athletic (Scotland) player, is the third Essendon player to ask for a transfer in the past fortnight.

Croatia manager Frank Burin showed his displeasure by quoting Murphy at \$10,000. It's believed Murphy wants to join Preston Macedonia.

Yakko Benovic, who transferred to Heidelberg Utd. and Tommy Cumming, who wants to join an interstate national league club, are the other players.

Essendon has signed transferred Frankston winger Mark Dall for fee believed to be in the region of \$1,000.

In other transfer news, Slavia's Jamie Paton had his second request for a transfer rejected. Paton, disappointed in Slavia's attitude, says he will return home to Scotland at the end of the year if he can't win a transfer.

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ALBION R. 1 SLAVIA 5

Scorers, Slavia: Williams 16th, Aldridge 31st, Paton 40th, 67th & 68th; Albion: D'Sylva 64th.

Ground: Olympic Park.
Weather: Mild.
Cautions: Williams (Slavia).
Referee: Hazelhurst 6.

Ratings:
SLAVIA: McPherson 7 - Thompson 6, Yzomond 6.5, Westley 6, D. Pye 6 - J. Train 7, Brindle 6, Tuft 6 - Aldridge 7, Paton 9, Williams 7.5. Total: 75.

ALBION: Johnson 6.5 - Nabert 5, Work 5.5, Blair 5.5, Stokes 7, Greenan 6, McNeill 4, Denham 7 - D'Sylva 6.5, McCormack 4, McIntyre 4. Total: 60.

Jamie Paton bared his fangs again, leaving no doubt he is the most lethal striker in the State League - but everyone knows that anyway.

What we didn't know was that Albion Rovers could come up with an import as good as **Alastair Denham** or a full back like **Steve Stokes**.

Stokes is as short as one of his predecessors, **Jim Daperla**, but just as determined and more imaginative. Denham, playing his first match since arriving from the Scottish junior league showed speed and flair playing as an attacking midfielder down the left side.

Unfortunately, Albion had little to offer as support for those two. **Alex Work** tried hard enough in defence but was often isolated because **Steve Blair** was drawn out of position.

Slavia's striking trio, **Jim Williams**, **Paton** and **Steve Aldridge**, operated close together, as a dangerous unit, and this made them much stronger, collectively, than the Albion defence, which was given further headaches by **Jim Train** breaking through space left for him on the right wing.

In attack, Albion's **Bill McCormack** who is still grossly unfit, and **Bill McIntyre** saw very little of the ball and **Mick D'Sylva**, although he tried hard enough, made too many mistakes.

Kit Greenan played some imaginative passes in midfield but did not back them up with hard running, and **Dave McNeill** was rarely seen.

As unkind as it may sound, Slavia's defence and midfield did not have to play particularly well against this opposition. Average performances were enough to prevent goals and to get the ball forward to **Paton**, **Williams** and **Aldridge**.

Yet it was Albion that had the first scoring opportunity of the game, when **D'Sylva** took advantage of a mistake by **John Yzomond** and put the ball into the middle where **McCormack** missed from eight metres!

Paton started the move that led to the first goal, lobbing the ball intelligently over the advancing defence for **Jim Train** to run onto. Train crossed the ball to unmarked **Williams**, who headed it into the net.

Stokes emulated **Paton** by playing a similar lobbed ball over the Slavia defence for **McIntyre** to run onto but goalkeeper **Alex McPherson** came well out of his penalty area to smother **McIntyre's** feet. The ball rolled loose to **Denham** but he blasted over the empty goal.

In the 31st minute, **Aldridge** got past **Blair**, dribbled around goalkeeper, **Bill Johnson** and slotted home Slavia's second goal from an acute angle.

Paton, who was alert to every opportunity as well as laying the ball back to supporting players, was brought down by **Work** just after half time. From the free kick, **Williams** rolled the ball short to **Paton** who rammed it into the net for the third goal.

Albion came to life for a while, with **D'Sylva** crossing a good ball, but **McIntyre** missing it with his outstretched leg. **McPherson** took too many steps and had a fine kick awarded against him. **Kit Greenan** took it and floated it to the far post where **D'Sylva** rose well to head home Albion's consolation goal.

As Slavia surged forward indignantly, **Stokes** played a long back-pass to **Johnson**. The goalkeeper sent his kick-in straight at **Paton** who controlled it on his chest, drew **Johnson** out and slipped it past him for the fourth goal.

Paton completed his hat-trick only a minute later. After accepting a very long ball out of defence, he cut inside, leaving **Work**, **Stokes** and **Blair** behind, and again slipped the ball past advancing **Johnson** to make the final score 5-1. — LAURIE SCHWAB



George Gillan of Juventus wins a heading duel against Makedonia's David Garthwaite in the goal avalanche at Olympic Park.

MAKEDONIA 5 JUVENTUS 6 a.e.t.

Scorers, Juventus: McGuinness 6th, Gillan 54th, C. Lucchese 69th, 75th & 88th, Sabidussi 77th; Makedonia: McMillan 32nd & 78th, Faulkner 33rd & 40th, Flavell 85th.

Ground: Olympic Park.
Weather: Cool.
Crowd: About 3000.
Referee: Beasleigh 6.

Cautions: Vaughan (Juve), Beach (Mak), Sabadini (Juve), McMillan (Mak).

Sent off: Leabirai (Mak) 87th.

Ratings: JUVENTUS: Graham 7 - Sabadini 6, Vaughan 6, Symington 6, Tarquinio 6 - Smith 5 (Sabidussi 7, half time), Barbia 6.5, C. Lucchese 8.5 - McGuinness 8, Gillan 7, J. Lucchese 6.5. Total: 75.5.

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 5 - Rainey 6, Garthwaite 7, Hooper 6, Beach 6 - Leabirai 5 (sent off 87th), Petrovski 7, Bernard 7, (Flavell 80th) - Cullen 7, McMillan 8.5, Faulkner 8.5. Total: 75.5.

"I still don't know where all those goals came from," said Juventus hero Claude Lucchese after this incredible

match, whose 11-goal tally is the highest in the history of the competition.

A Hollywood scriptwriter couldn't have drafted a better story. Consider this chain of events:

Juventus takes an early lead but is then swamped by Makedonia's classy play which gives it a 2-1 lead at half time.

Makedonia goes to a 3-1 lead and looks set for a runaway win but **George Gillan**, the recruit from Fitzroy, scores his first goal for Juventus and **Claude Lucchese** equalises a minute before the end, sending the match into extra time.

Juventus then dashes to a 5-3 lead, one of the goals coming from substitute **Bruno Sabidussi**, but Makedonia fights back to level at 5-5 - the equalising goal coming from another substitute, **Gordon Flavell**, making his first appearance since arriving from Scotland.

Only a minute later **Claude Lucchese** completes his hat-trick by scoring the winning goal - the

fifth goal scored in the extra time period.

The drama continues, with Makedonia's **Eric Leabirai** being sent off by referee **Tony Beasleigh** for head-butting Sabidussi who is taken to hospital with concussion.

Earlier, four players had been shown the yellow card and one, **Jim Symington**, was extremely lucky not to be sent off.

And so Makedonia lost any chance it had of qualifying for the semi-finals and Juventus finishes the preliminary series with a total of 11 goals - more than any team in the competition.

Special tributes go to **Claude Lucchese** for his hat-trick, **George McMillan** for his guts, persistence and touches of class in Makedonia's attack, **Bobby McGuinness** for posting a constant threat on Juventus' forward line, and **Eric Leabirai** for a tireless, midfield display marked sturdily by his act of senseless violence.

Here's how the goals were scored:

1-0: Makedonia's defenders lose the ball in the goal area, leaving **McGuinness** to slip it into the net from five metres.

1-1: **Peter Vaughan** tries to slide the ball clear but fails, enabling **McMillan** to nip in and put the ball past advancing goalkeeper **Hugh Graham**.

1-2: **Jeff Faulkner** heads a job from the left past **Graham**.

1-3: **Leabirai** plays a great ball out of defence to **McMillan** who races down the wing and times perfectly a square ball for **Faulkner** who scores from close range.

2-3: **John Lucchese** delivers the ball to **Gillan** who puts a well-measured, swerving shot just inside the far post.

3-3: **Serge Sabadini** crosses to **Claude Lucchese** who heads it in from the far post.

4-3: **Claude Lucchese** scores with a swerving, dipping shot that deceives goalkeeper **Lou Kastner**.

5-3: **Sabidussi** heads home a cross from **John Lucchese**.

5-4: **McMillan** latches onto a silly back-pass by Sabadini and slams it past **Graham**.

5-5: **Rob Cullen** beats a man on the right and sends a square pass into the goal area where **Flavell** taps it into the net.

6-5: **John Lucchese** plays a through ball to his brother **Claude** who shoots home the winner. — LAURIE SCHWAB

CROATIA 2 FRANKSTON 0

Scorers: Adams 13th, Murphy 33rd.

Ground: Olympic Park.
Crowd: 2000 (double headed)
Weather: cool
Cautions: none
Referee: Stuart Melling 6

Ratings: ESSENDON CROATIA: Banovic 7, Smart 6, Short 7, Kukulica 7, Blavner 6, Adams 8, Gardiner 8, Kerr 6 (Andrews 50th min), Cumming 8, Gilder 8, Murphy 5. Total: 74.

FRANKSTON CITY: Peterson 6, V. Bannon 7, McCluskey 4, Adams 4, Campbell 5 (Taylor 54th min), G. Bannon 5, Brown 6 (Savage 54th min), Webster 7, Swincoe 4, Mitten 6, Coulson 5. Total: 64.

Croatia will have mixed feelings about this game against Frankston. It marked a return to form for the State League champion, but it cost it a place in the Ampol Cup semi-finals.

The 2-0 victory gave Croatia a goal difference of two (7-5), but this wasn't enough as Slavia was able to defeat Green Gully 1-0 and move through on goal difference (8-5).

Frankston goalkeeper **Frank Peterson** was chiefly responsible for restricting the score. To concede only two goals playing behind a defence torn to shreds is a fine effort.

Peterson made four excellent saves which, in effect, put Croatia out of the Ampol Cup.

Two saves in particular stood out. In the second half, a cut-back from the right flank gave **Tommy Cumming** the chance to take a shot at the Frankston goal.

Cumming's shot was blocked and from the rebound **Ken Murphy** blazed a shot from 12 metres. **Peterson** palmed the ball away.

The second was made bnt a header by **Carl Gilder**, which had Peterson diving low to his left.

Croatia's stars were **Keith Adams**, who revelled in the extra freedom he had in midfield, **Tommy Cumming** and **Carl Gilder**.

Last week I criticised Cumming for failing to attack the full backs and send over crosses. Against Frankston, Cumming made both his team's goals with crosses from the right after skinning his luckless opponent **Norrie Campbell**.

In the 13th minute Cumming dashed down the flank and sent over a low cross. **Gilder** laid it off for **John Gardiner**, and after a scramble inside the penalty area, Adams saw the opportunity and chipped over Peterson.

Two minutes later half time. Cumming was the designer of a copy book goal.

Adams pushed a line ball for Cumming. The wee winger's grit was too much for **Campbell**, who was bowled over, giving Cumming time to measure his cross.

With Frankston players rushing back to cover Cumming, he delayed his cross from the goal line until **John Gilder** had made runs to the near post.

Cumming's timing was perfect. **Murphy** steamed in and loed Cumming's low cross into the net.

The mystery is: why couldn't Croatia go on and score five?

Cumming was dynamite and **Gilder** was getting good service but despite the smooth running of Croatia's front line, the goals wouldn't come.

Frankston's defence must improve drastically or the Bayside club will have another frustrating year.

Danny McCluskey was suspect when pressured and is not fast enough to efficiently cover his other defenders.

Frankston's defence, apart from **Vince Bannon**, was not decisive. On top of that, very few passes came out of defence, making the job of the Frankston midfielders very hard.

Mad Bannon, **Kevin Swincoe** and **Willie Coulson** were also very poor.

Speed is still the biggest deficiency of the Frankston defence. In the eyes of the soccer Press, Frankston had one winner. The club's idea of having photo-copied team line ups in information for the Press is a good one, and much appreciated. — KYLE PATTERSON.

ALBION R. 3 GEO CROSS 1

Scorers, Albion: Cutajar own goal 4th, Denham 45th, D'Sylva 47th. Geo Cross: Mizzi 30th.

Ground: Kim Reserve, Altona.
Weather: Hot and sunny.
Crowd: About 300.
Referee: Jim Fears 7.

Cautions: Gatt (Albion).

ALBION ROVERS: Johnson 8 - Nisbet 7, Work 7, (McLeod 57th), Blair 7.5 Gatt 7.5 - McNeill 5, Stokes 8, Greenan 7 (McIntyre 75th), Denham 8, McCormack 7, D'Sylva 6. Total: 78.

GEORGE CROSS: Matsson 6 - Cutajar 5.5, Maitland 6, Wilkinson 5.5, Barron 4, Mizzi 6, Coulson 5.5, Maitland 5 - Sodrasco 4, Mizzi 8, Thom 6.5. Total: 60.5.

This is probably the worst game I've seen George Cross play. The Cross needed to win by at least four goals to qualify for the semi-finals, but was never given the chance by a tenacious and surprising Albion team.

Alastair Denham, playing in attack for most of the game, and in midfield later, put on another exciting performance for Albion in only his second game since arriving from Scotland. I'm told **Mothenwell** has first option on him if he goes back.

Steve Stokes, that diminutive dynamo who has made such a favorable impression during the Cup series, lined up in midfield instead of his previous left back position and was even better there.

Big **Bill McCormack**, still overweight and short of fitness, nevertheless caused the George Cross defence many problems, by laying the ball off well to his team mates and in defence, **Steve Blair** was back at his best, making up for a below-par display mid-week.

It was good to see **Andy Gatt** returning to left back. He had a great game in his first team debut against Ajax in the first round and he again showed the qualities that could make him one of Victoria's top full backs.

George Cross had little to offer except the persistence of **Ray Mizzi** up front. The defence did not give up. **Greenan** and the midfielders didn't mark or build up.

George Cross right back **Phil Cutajar** slid the ball into his own net to put Albion into the lead in the fourth minute, after **Kit Greenan** had squared the ball from the right.

Denham could have made it 2-0 soon afterwards but was smothered by goalkeeper **Sven Matsson** in the goal area.

Mizzi headed home the equaliser from a **Brian Thom** corner in the 30th minute, but any hopes George Cross fans had of a comeback were shattered 10 minutes after half time.

Stokes played a brilliant display through ball that sliced open the George Cross defence for **Denham** who smashed the ball just inside the net to put Albion ahead 2-1. Two minutes later **Stokes** again played a fine ball to **Denham** who put it over the defence to **Mick D'Sylva** on the edge of the area. D'Sylva lobbed over Matsson for the third goal.

George Cross put a little more effort into its play, resulting in a few attempts at goal. However, goalkeeper **Bill Johnson** showed his best form in knocking clear a header by **Tony Castoolo**, holding a shot by **Mizzi** at the second attempt and then blocking **Mizzi** at close range.

Stokes cleared off the line and **Bobby Nisbet** prevented a goal by **Francis Mifaud** as the game drew to a close. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

We were wrong

In last week's issue, we reported that **Bill McIntyre** played a bad back pass which resulted in Albion Rovers losing to Essendon Croatia. In fact, it was **Dave McNeill** who played that back pass. We apologise for any inconvenience caused to McIntyre.

SLAVIA 1 AJAX 0

Scorers, Paton 58 28th.

Ground: Croydon Park.
Crowd: 900 (double headed)
Weather: Cool
Cautions: Tuft (5), Carry (6C)
Referee: Jim Dixon 5

Ratings: PRAHRAN SLAVIA: McPherson 6, Thompson 6, Westley 6, Yzomond 6, Pye 6, Brindle 5, Train 5, Tuft 7, Williams 7, Paton 6, Aldridge 8. Total: 69.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denny 5, Thompson 5, Klarin 6 (Daniels 56th min), Cain 7, Patten 7, Bennie 6, Vojtek 7, McCarthy 6 (Vassallo 47th min), Segi 5, Carr 7, Perkin 4. Total: 67.

Ajax player/coach **Billy Vojtek** came off Croydon Park battered and bruised and a loser, but could still manage a smile.

Slavia's 1-0 victory over Green Gully meant Slavia had qualified for the semi-finals at the expense of Essendon Croatia. **Vojtek's** former club.

Vojtek was pleased to be able to approach Essendon Croatia team manager and long-time friend **Frank Burns** and say: "Well Frank, it looks like your team is out."

Slavia went into the game knowing it needed only to win to reach the semi-finals, unless George Cross defeated Albion Rovers by four goals. This was to be as Slavia went through on goal difference.

A goal by **Jamie Paton** in the 28th minute of the first half was enough to win Slavia the game. Striker **Steve Aldridge** made the goal but was helped by a mistake by centre half **John Cain**. Mistakes by Cain are normally few and far between.

But the Ajax defender allowed **Aldridge** to turn and breeze past him on the goal line. **Aldridge** hit a shot at goal with not even daylight between the posts, but somehow, squeezed it on the edge of the goal. The ball deflected off the post to **Paton**, who had the easy task of tapping home.

But on the showing in the first 20 minutes of the game, it looked to have Slavia's measure.

Andy Segi was moving well on the right and **Bill Vojtek** was dangerous in the midfield.

Several chances were created in this period. **Steve Carr** headed over the bar after a cross by **Segi**, then **Vojtek** took a ball from **Cain**, made a sharp turn then laid the ball for **Segi** to shoot.

Alastair McPherson saved at **Vojtek's** feet after a through ball by **Jon McCarthy**, then Carr had Gully's best chance.

Paton lost the ball, and McCarthy hit it wide to Segi. A quick centre forward **Car**, but his first instinct not want wide when he was well-placed.

Slavia didn't look dangerous up front until it scored its goal. The goal plus the marking of **Vojtek** by **Brian Johnson** swung the match Slavia's way.

Tuft wasn't subtle, and **Vojtek** will have the cuts and bruises to prove it. But after the first 20 minutes, **Tuft's** bustling and pounding on the smaller **Vojtek** took its toll and the Green Gully midfield lost its creativeness.

Vojtek was the only man capable of beating opponents in the middle of the park and attack from behind.

Segi went flat, and with **Dave Perkin** never threatening, it was left to the skillful **Car** to create something up front.

Perkin was reported to have a back injury.

After the interval, the Ajax machine stuttered. Several times **Lou Denny** rescued his team mates with brilliant saves. Last week against Frankston Denny was blamed for two soft goals, but bounced back impressively.

With the skillful **Jim Williams** causing problems for **Joe Thompson** and **Aldridge's** speed on the turn worrying big **Mick Klarin** and **Cain**, Slavia had two aces up front.

A breakaway by **Aldridge** on the right saw **Paton** throw away a perfectly flighted cross was met by **Paton**, by his header ballooned over the bar.

— KYLE PATTERSON.

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Formed in 1975, Eastern Creek Namatjira has won every first grade Premiership, starting with the all age premiership in Nepean Districts Division 1, to the premiership in Division 6 of the NSW SF.

The team is named after the great Aboriginal artist, Albert Namatjira whose memory serves as the in-

By ALEX VESIC

spiration for the players' artistry on the field.

The club's achievements since its formation in 1975 are outlined below:

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N.D.S.F.A. 'All Age' Div 2 - Round robin cup winners

1976: N.D.S.F.A. 'All Age' Div 1 - Premiers

N.D.S.F.A. 'All Age' Div 1 - Round robin cup winners

N.D.S.F.A. 'All Age' Div 1 reserves - premiership runner-up

N.D.S.F.A. 'All Age' Div 2 - premiership runner-up

N.D.S.F.A. 'All Age' Div 2 - Round robin runner-up

1977: N.S.W. Soccer Federation Div 7 first grade premiers (undefeated)

N.S.W. Soccer Federation Div 7 first grade federation Cup champions

N.S.W. Soccer Federation Div 7 reserve grade Federation Cup runner-up

1978: N.S.W. Soccer Federation

ation Div 6 first grade premiers (undefeated)

N.S.W. Soccer Federation Div 6 first grade Federation Cup champions

The club's ultimate goal is to attain State League status and promote junior soccer in the area. This year the club will field a total of seven soccer teams, two basketball teams and a girls hockey team.

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Last year, Gladesville RSL (NSW), fielded two teams in the under 7 competition and both teams played extremely well to get to the top.

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Three members of the successful Gladesville RSL sides are pictured with their Soccer Action Hat-Trick diplomas earned in last year's championship.

From left: Richie Moscatto, Craig Cairnduff and Andrew Smyth. Young Andrew blasted more than half of his team's 54 goals in the championship.

His team (the under 7/4's), finished the season with an aggregate of 54:11.

Hat-trick diplomas did a lot to increase the interest of young children in soccer over the past year and "Soccer Action" will start awarding them again as soon as junior leagues kick off.



The coach of the Victorian Central Region under 13 team is John Korevellis (pictured above).

Korevellis is a former Fawkner, Hawthorn and South Melbourne junior coach, and a former player of Fitzroy Utd. Trials for the under 13 team are conducted each Sunday at Dendy Park, Brighton at 11 am. Manager of the team is John Rovatos (ph. 735 0627).

Eerie dream of agony came true for George

By KYLE PATTERSON

In August last year, George Campbell had an eerie dream that he would break his leg.

"It was very strange", George remembers. "I woke up and said to myself: 'I'm going to break my leg today'."

"My wife Jean and I were staying with some friends and I told everyone at breakfast about the dream. It never entered my mind not to play that day, but the dream had me pretty convinced something was going to happen."

But worse was to follow for Campbell. When he arrived at Middle Park, the splint used in leg break cases was out on the South Melbourne treatment table. "That made me even more suspicious. It wasn't going to be my day", said Campbell. "I had experiences at Aberdeen where the splint was out before a game, and later a player broke a leg. It happened three times. Every time the splint was laying about, a player went down."

Campbell demanded the splint be put away as soon as he saw it in the Middle Park change rooms.

Later a tackle by Frank Lister made Campbell's dream a reality.

"As soon as I was tackled", said Campbell, "I knew my leg was gone."

Campbell maintains he's not a superstitious person. Therefore the dream and the untimely appearance of the splint are highly mysterious.

"I have a few habits", he said, "but I'm definitely not superstitious. I like to take a ball out with me when the team runs onto the pitch and put my shin pads on last. But most of the things soccer players do are habits."

After spending the close season in Scotland on a holiday, Campbell is now ready for the new season.

"After the plaster came off", he said: "I had a lot of

physiotherapy. In Scotland I gave the leg complete rest. I didn't kick a ball the whole time I was away and was introduced to training slowly when I got back.

"The leg now feels fine and my mental attitude is good. After a leg break, some players can't get back into the game because of a fear in the back of their mind. I will not have that problem."

Being an elusive, dangerous forward, Campbell has been and will continue to be a target for robust tackles. But this he doesn't mind.

"I don't mind being tackled hard", he said. "But when players tackle over the ball and flick your ankles with niggling challenges, I really get fed up."

"Full backs really annoy me. They seem to think it's their privilege to hammer wingers but not to be tackled back. If a winger tackles a full back hard a couple of times, the defender can't understand it."

Campbell's comeback game was against Footscray JUST in a practice match. He came on at half time and although he didn't set the game on fire, he came through a couple of 50-50 challenges, showing no lack of courage.

But the leg break has had a big bearing on Campbell's life.

"The injury showed me just how quickly a professional soccer player can have his career finished", said George. "I had plenty of time to think, and now I'm looking at finding a job that will give me security for when I'm finished with soccer."

"I've been a pro for five years. It's the only thing I know. When I was with Aberdeen they encouraged me to go to night school, and I passed my higher grades and did a year of business studies. But now I'm looking for a career."

South Melbourne originally wanted George to stay a full-time player, but he sees no point in that if the whole club isn't full-time.

"I would like to be doing some clerical work as a start", he said, "but not many companies are prepared to take on a 21-year-old when it's much better for them to hire a 17-year-old."



Ken Drakeford

Big league souvenir



This is the commemorative Philips League plate, produced in a limited edition of 750 pieces by Coalport of Stoke-on-Trent, England.

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Peter Collins to talk to Press

The next general meeting of the Australian Soccer Press Association (Victorian branch) will take place at the Vineyard Restaurant on March 15.

Peter Collins, MLA for Noble Park, publicity manager for the VSF and president of Slavia soccer club, will be guest speaker.

The meeting at the Acland St., St Kilda restaurant, will begin at 8 pm. The A.S.P.A. executive will meet at 7.30 pm.

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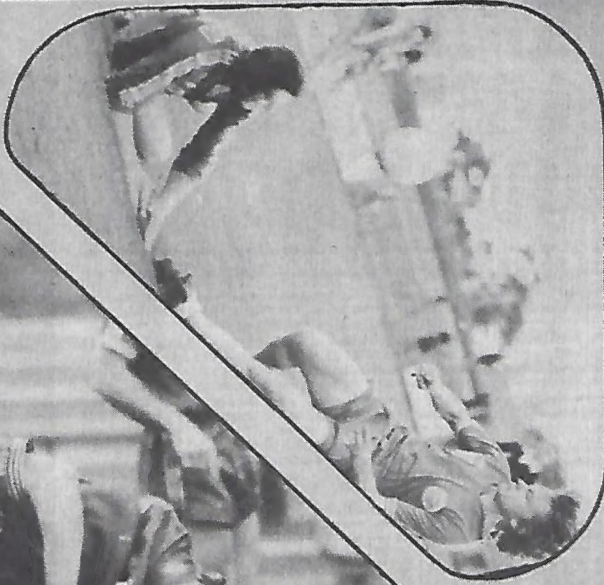
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Campbell works as a storeman. **Jim Campbell** of Fitzroy Utd. works at the same place.

Another big influence on wee Georgie is his wife Jean. The couple were married in Scotland during their recent holiday in their homeland.

"Jean's fantastic", said Campbell. "She's a very ambitious person and the driving force behind me. Being married is an extra responsibility and that's another reason I must find a career."

"We're both very happy in Australia, and want to make it our home. Jean's doing very well with a china ware shop. She's a qualified window dresser, but found it hard to find work in that field."

Campbell's plans to settle in Australia are not definite.

"We want to make a go of it", he said. "We know what it's like in Scotland, and have got over the homesickness. Everyone who comes to Australia to live should try to get back to their homeland for a holiday pretty soon after settling here. That way you are

sure you are making the right decision and it stops you from becoming too home sick".

Unfortunately, even if Campbell becomes an Australian citizen, he may not be able to represent this country on the soccer field.

When I spoke to him, he was unsure of the position but his two games for the Scottish Youth team may rule him out of Australian contention.

Campbell played against Denmark twice in European Youth Championship matches. The first leg, in Denmark, was a 0-0 draw, but the Danes were victorious on Scottish soil, winning 2-1 at Rugby Park, Kilmarnock.

The 'white Pele' will definitely be one of the success stories of Australian soccer in the next few years. He certainly has the ambition.

I asked him which game he rated as his most memorable of his Australian career. He gave this answer:

"When South Melbourne beats Fitzroy in three weeks time, that will be the most memorable."

And if George Campbell plays a major role in that victory, he will be well on

the way to building a reputation like that of the great ball wizards, **Branko Buljevic**, **Billy Vojtek** and **Attila Abonyi**.

Cries of "Buljo, Buljo" can still be heard when Buljevic plays but our soccer has lately lacked individualists with the flair and majestic touch to capture the imagination of the fans.

But **Campbell** and team mate **Ken Drakeford** could well be the stars to fill this void.

Campbell has already won the hearts of South Melbourne fans and the recently-signed Drakeford promises to be almost as popular as wee Georgie.

The South Melbourne stars, who are similar in appearance, have the attributes to become the biggest crowd-pullers and the top entertainers in the national league.

Both are small but lion-hearted, with a boyish look about them. Their blond hair makes them stand out as much as their speed and ability to dribble past a maze of opponents.

Importantly, both Campbell and Drakeford can score goals and they can do the unexpected.

Campbell has been dubbed the 'white Pele' and the 'little tiger' would be an

appropriate nick-name for Drakeford.

Campbell, who transferred to South Melbourne from Scottish club Aberdeen for \$20,000 during last season realises the importance of entertainers in soccer.

"Paying customers have a right to be entertained", said Campbell. "To pay three dollars and then see a drab game is bad value for soccer fans."

"Every team needs a personality. Soccer's a team game but it's very important to have individuals who can set the game alight".

Without over-rating himself, Campbell knows he is exactly the type of player he has described.

"I don't go out on the field with the aim of winning over the crowd", said George, "but my style endears me to the fans. My blond hair and size have a lot to do with it. I stand out on the field."

"But I've always liked to entertain the fans. I was well-liked by the Aberdeen fans, even though I played only a handful of first team games, and at South Melbourne I get a lot of support".

Georgie sees the in-

clusion of the energetic Drakeford leading to more support for him and the rest of the South Melbourne players.

"Ken's a very good player", said George, "and he will be a big asset to the club. He has a lot of skill and a turn of pace."

"We get on great and have a mutual respect for each other. It's definitely not going to be a case of Ken and I trying to out do each other. If the fans take a fancy to him, it will mean more support for the rest of the players".

As the Americans have shown the soccer world, the creation of personalities - whether comedians, temperamental stars or flamboyant individuals - is an important cog in the promotions wheel.

"We can learn a lesson from the Americans", said George. "They know every promotional angle and it's because of this the game

has grown so quickly in the States."

"But when it all boils down, the problem of low or falling attendances is world wide. I know that in Scotland every club outside Rangers and Celtic is always working to increase its gates."

"Really, a successful team is the key. Promotion can increase a club's following but a successful team is the only thing that will maintain and increase the support".

Campbell pointed to the New York Cosmos as an example.

"Because of the Cosmos' success", he said, "the rest of the world thinks all American clubs have huge crowds. But a lot of them struggle. The Cosmos have massive support because they have some great players and a successful side".

It's quite easy to relate Cosmos' position with South Melbourne's in the PSL. Souths, like Cosmos,

is probably the richest club in its league.

AGAIN LIKE COSMOS. South Melbourne has an abundance of star players, but Campbell likes to play down South's image as a super-club.

"A lot of clubs are jealous of South Melbourne", said Georgie. "They can't match Souths, and so they jump on the bandwagon and criticise the club."

"I can't stand hearing things like, 'South Melbourne has too many stars'. We have many experienced players, and why shouldn't we? The club has the money to do it".

South Melbourne is certainly in a happy position, the appeal of Campbell, Drakeford and other top men **Alan Evans** and **Duncan Cummings**, backed by promotional dollars, gives the club wide scope to increase support.

● **SAM BELFONTE'S** brilliant picture capturing the moment that **George Campbell** broke his leg in a tackle by **Frank Lister** is the focal pint of this pictorial tribute to the little South Melbourne ball wizard. The pictures at top show him confronting **Brisbane Lions** goalkeeper **Nigel Lownds**. The shot at the bottom shows him being congratulated by team mates, including **Bertie Lutton** (right) after scoring at Olympic Park.

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This week's Match: v **SYDNEY CITY** at Wentworth Park (Sydney), Sunday 3 pm.

BRISBANE LIONS

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SPONSOR: **Kentucky Fried Chicken**
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This week's Match: v **MARCONI** at Marconi Stadium (Sydney), Sunday 3 pm.



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This week's Match: v **A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT** at Perry Park (Brisbane), Sunday 3 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

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COACH: V. Fernandez
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This week's Match: v **ST GEORGE** at St George Stadium (Sydney), Sunday 3 pm.

HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

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This week's Match: v **FOOTSCRAY** at Olympic Park (Melbourne), Sunday 3 pm.



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SPONSOR:



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This week's Match: v **WEST ADELAIDE** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide), Sunday 3 pm.



MARCONI

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GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.

This week's Match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at Marconi Stadium (Sydney), Sunday 3 pm.



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COLOURS: Blue & White

This week's Match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at Middle Park (Melbourne), Sunday 3 pm.



ST. GEORGE

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COACH: J. Gelei.

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green.

This week's Match: v **CANBERRA City** at St George Stadium (Sydney), Sunday 3 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

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GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.

This week's Match: v **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide), Sunday 3 pm.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

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SPONSOR: **patra**

This week's Match: v **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at Middle Park (Melbourne), Sunday 3 pm.



A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT

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COLOURS: Burgundy & Sky Blue.

This week's Match: v **BRISBANE CITY** at Perry Park (Brisbane), Sunday 3 pm.



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SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods and City Ford.

This week's Match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at Wentworth Park (Sydney), Sunday 3 pm.

